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MESSAGE: King Khaled Saturday received a written message from King Hassan II of Morocco. The message was conveyed by King Hassan's special adviser Ahmad Bin Sued (above, left). Khaled also received a message from Mauritanian President Muhammad Khama Ould Haidalla. The message was carried to the King by Mauritanian special adviser Muhammed Ould Hamid.

U.S., Japan stress defense

Suzuki is in Ottawa

OTTAWA, May 9 (AFP) — Japanese Premier Zenko Suzuki arrived here Saturday from the United States for a six-hour official visit in the course of which he was expected to confer with his Canadian counterpart Pierre Elliott Trudeau on economic subjects.

During a working luncheon, the two premiers will likely be reviewing the world's economic state ahead of next July's meeting here of the main industrial nations.

A joint communiqué issued Friday after Suzuki's second round of talks with President Ronald Reagan declared that Japan "will seek to make even greater efforts for improving its defense capabilities in Japanese territories and in its surrounding sea and air space, and for further alleviating the financial burden of U.S. forces in Japan."

At a news conference Friday Suzuki suggested that, because of the "relative vacuum" created by the movement of the U.S. 7th Fleet to the Gulf and Indian Ocean, Japan should contribute to the surveillance and protection of the zone extending 1,600 km from its home islands. That zone would reach virtually to the Philippines.

However, the premier added that "essential to this objective is the understanding and support" of Japanese public opinion. His reservations echoed a statement that Suzuki made to U.S. television interviewers Sunday before leaving Tokyo for Washington. He said then that Japan could not constitutionally extend the scope of its military activity beyond its own territory.

In view of his comments last Sunday, Suzuki's promise in the joint communiqué appeared more an expression of intention than a firm commitment, observers said here. The observers added that Japan shared U.S. "concern" over Soviet military expansion. But because of opposition in Japan to a wider military role, Tokyo might finally decide to make its greatest contribution to the security of its region and the Third World in the form of bilateral economic aid.

Suzuki said Japan is prepared to step into the "vacuum of naval protection" created by the diversion of key elements in the U.S. 7th Fleet to guard oil routes in the Gulf and Indian Ocean through which 70 per cent of Japan's petroleum supply flows. Suzuki said his country will increase naval patrols around the Japanese island and along the sea lanes vital to Japanese trade. At the same time, he said, Japan will continue to rely on its mutual-security treaty with the United States as a pillar of its own defense and the defense of the region.

A U.S. official familiar with the talks said Suzuki also agreed to Japan paying a greater share of the non-personnel costs of maintaining U.S. forces there. Japan currently contributes some \$800 million to the cost of maintaining barracks and other physical facilities, some 47 per cent of the total expense.

In the communiqué and also in his speech, Suzuki said Japan is concerned about a continuing Soviet military buildup in Asia, including the moving of Soviet troops into

three of four northern islands claimed by Japan and the expansion of Soviet facilities at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam. U.S. Foreign Secretary Alexander Haig said Suzuki agreed with Reagan "that Soviet activity has become an increasing threat to world peace and will require concerted free-world effort to insist on restraint on the part of the Soviet leadership."

The Japanese prime minister, who agreed immediately before his trip to the United States to make a "painful" 7.7 per cent reduction in Japanese auto exports, said he did so because of the distress of the American auto industry and because "the squeaky wheel tends to get the grease."

The Japanese premier began his visit in New York, where he made numerous economic contacts. He came to Washington Wednesday and held two lengthy rounds of talks with President Reagan. Following the talks, both men declared they were "good buddies." Before leaving for Canada, Suzuki had a final conference with top U.S. officials on economic issues.

Sweden expects new government within few days

STOCKHOLM, May 9 (R) — Sweden's parliamentary speaker is expected to make a decision on the composition of a new government within a few days, political observers said Saturday. Prime Minister Thorbjorn Falldin proposed the formation of a minority coalition of Liberals and Centrists after handing in the resignation of his three-party coalition that broke out April 1.

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Syrians firm on missiles Reagan's envoy meets Khaddam

DAMASCUS, May 9 (Agencies) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East envoy met Saturday with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam who has declared Syria has an "unquestionable" right to deploy anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon.

Philip C. Habib was scheduled to attend a dinner hosted by Deputy Foreign Minister Nasser Kaddour after his meeting with Khaddam. Western diplomats said Khaddam was not scheduled to attend the dinner, and they interpreted this as a Syrian effort to downgrade the importance of Habib's mission.

Syrian officials said Habib was expected to meet President Hafez Assad later Saturday, but Western diplomats said the expected meeting might be put off until Sunday.

"I have no words for you, not even a joke," the smiling, Habib told reporters at the Damascus Boating Club, 15 miles north of the capital, where he was greeted by Kaddour.

Habib has made little comment since he began his mission in Beirut Thursday, except to describe the situation as "dangerous." There has been no sign of a breakthrough or the effort to defuse the crisis over the missiles, which he could see clearly from his limousine as it drove on the Beirut-Damascus highway through Lebanon's lush Bekaa Valley.

Beirut newspapers polled the rightist and nationalist militia leaders and government leaders in Lebanon who met with Habib and said the American had two main goals during his tour.

They said he was trying to head off a Syrian-Israeli showdown over the Soviet-made SAM-6 missiles Syria deployed in the Bekaa April 28 after Israeli jets shot down two Syrian helicopters they said were attacking Israeli-supported Lebanese Christians.

Habib also is seeking to reinstate the status that existed in the Bekaa provincial capital of Zahle, 48 kms east of Beirut, and in the central Lebanese mountains and Zahle before the round of Syrian-Lebanese Christian fighting that broke out April 1.

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Giscard d'E斯塔ing



Francois Mitterrand

French elect chief today

PARIS, May 9 (AP) — After a long and sometimes bitter campaign, the French make their decision Sunday on whether to give center-right President Valery Giscard d'E斯塔ing another seven-year mandate or opt for the change offered by Socialist Francois Mitterrand.

The official campaign ended Friday with a final burst of speeches and political meetings, and after a day of reflection more than 30 million Frenchmen were expected to cast their ballots in an election that most analysts have termed too close to call. For Giscard, 55, the voters must choose between a "society of decline" and a "society of hope." For his opponent, "I will be the man of reconciliation."

The election is a rematch of the 1974 contest. In that balloting, Giscard won by a slim 1.6 per cent margin, or just over 420,000 votes.

The choice facing the electorate is not subtle. The president is campaigning on his record, which he says has been marked by stability, the maintenance of France's position in the world, and an economic program which, if not completely successful, at least is better than most Western countries have managed in a time of world economic crisis.

Mitterrand, 64, has called that record a total failure, pointing to an unemployment rate of 7.3 per cent, representing nearly 1.7 million Frenchmen out of work, and inflation at a consistent 12 to 14 per cent. His program calls for nationalization of the remaining private banks and 11 major companies along with large increases in public spending and public works projects to create jobs.

Giscard has retaliated by saying Mitterrand's program of nationalization would frighten away private investors and plans for a 35-hour work week with no loss of pay would be inflationary and in fact increase unemployment because of added costs to business.

The president closed out his campaign by saying: "if you elect my opponent, it will result in political disorder, it will be, in reality, the end of the Fifth Republic. If you elect me... we will begin again on another foot, but with neither shock nor disorder."

Giscard has stressed with vigor on Mitterrand's weakest point — the fact that he will be forced to deal with France's pro-Soviet Communist Party if he is to govern effectively. Throughout the campaign, the incumbent has charged that Mitterrand would be a prisoner of the Communists and his program would be only what Communist Party leader Georges Marchais will allow.

Marchais, whose 15.3 showing in the first round of the election last month was the worst Communist vote total in more than 40 years, has endorsed Mitterrand, saying Giscard must be defeated at all cost.

But he has insisted that continued support is contingent on a decision by Mitterrand to accept Communists into his government.

IRA steps up violence Army patrol ambushed

BELFAST, May 9 (Agencies) — Guerrillas ambushed a British Army patrol and blew up a police vehicle Saturday in a new wave of sectarian fighting as a fourth jailed IRA gunman began a hunger strike "to the death."

The outlawed Irish Republican Army threatened to set off a bomb during the visit of Queen Elizabeth II at an oil terminal off the Scottish coast, but no bomb was found after a search. A separate bomb hoax forced the three-hour evacuation of 600 persons from a nursing home and an orphanage in Newry, 71 kms from Belfast.

Police said guerrillas ambushed a British Army patrol in Belfast's Roman Catholic Lennox Quarter, seriously wounding one soldier with a sniper bullet from a high-velocity rifle. A police vehicle also was blown up in Catholic west Belfast by a homemade hand grenade, injuring five policemen: one of whom was hospitalized.

In Londonderry, northern Ireland's second-largest city, youths buried more than 300 gasoline bombs and bottles filled with sulphuric acid at police. Twenty-one persons

Prince Sultan inspects bases

DHAHRAN, May 9 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan arrived here Saturday evening at the start of a tour of the Eastern Province lasting several days. During the tour, Prince Sultan will inspect military installations, the Jubail military base, and the military city in the area.

On Tuesday, Sultan will sponsor the graduation of the first batch of the naval forces' technical training institute in Jubail. The graduates include a number of university officers specializing in naval activity.

Israel ends row with W. Germany

TEL AVIV, May 9 (R) — One week's row between Israel and West Germany, which developed after Prime Minister Menahem Begin sharply criticized Chancellor Helmut Schmidt as a replacement for Sands and that another jailed guerrilla would go on fast when another hunger striker died. The organization said the fasting would continue in a chain until the British government gave in to the prisoners demands for political status.

McDonnell joined three other IRA gunmen fasting at the Maze prison, Francis Hughes, 25, and Raymond McCreehan and Patrick O'Hara, both 24. Hughes' supporters said he was "deteriorating very rapidly" in the 56th day of his fast, but the others were said to be in less danger after 49 days without food.

Interviewed on Israel radio, Shamir said: "It was completely natural that the statement by Schmidt would draw reactions." Shamir said some European leaders "already are having second thoughts" on arms sales to the Arabs, but he did not elaborate.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin attacked Schmidt last Sunday, accusing him and French President Valery Giscard d'E斯塔ing of being "greedy" men who are interested only in trading armaments for oil. Begin later repeated his charges, and said he would never forgive the German people for the Nazis' treatment of European Jewry during World War II.

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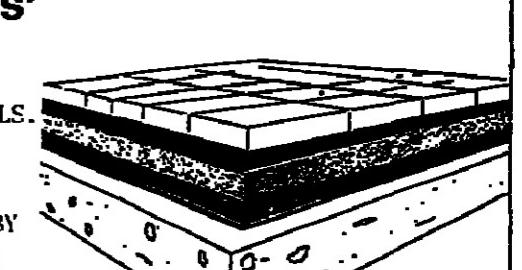


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MWL calls for action on printers

MAKKAH, May 9 (SPA) — The Muslim World League called on Muslims to work with concerned authorities in their countries not to allow missionary leaflets into their respective countries.

The missionaries have adopted a more "mischievous and cunning" method of printing books, booklets and leaflets which attack Prophet Muhammad, Islam and its teachings.

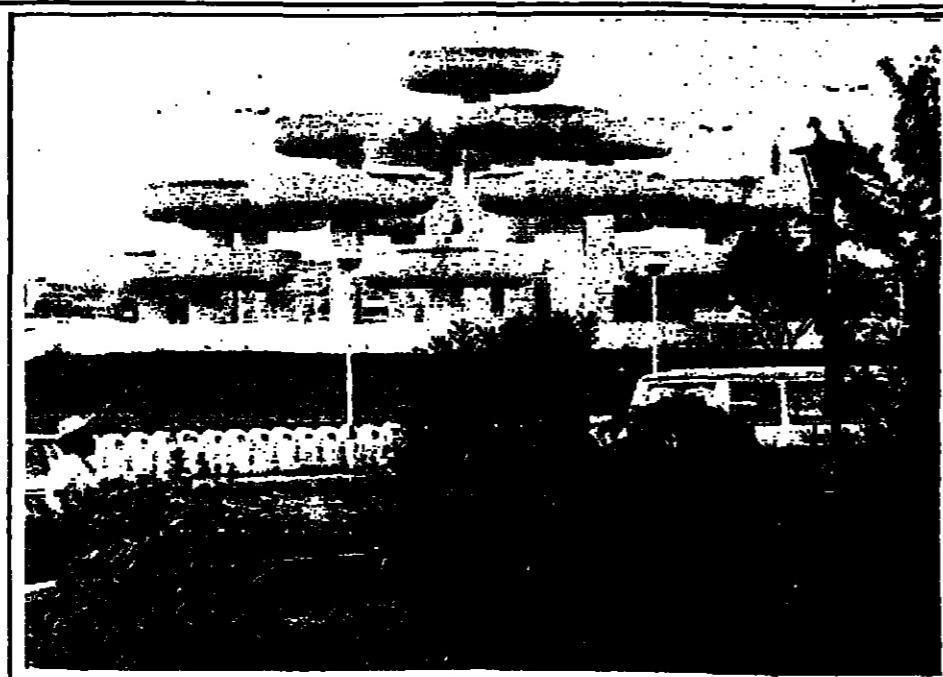
The MWL Secretariat General urged all Muslims to send any of these publications they find to be studied and analyzed by concerned parties, the statement said.

"In addition to traditional activities of the missionary movements by taking advantage of famine situations, illiteracy and illnesses under the cover of humanity, education and progress, they have adopted a more mischievous and cunning way by printing millions of books, booklets and leaflets which attack the Prophet and Islam and its teachings by misinterpreting Quranic verses and the Prophet's sayings," the statement said.

The missionaries are also "distributing publications that urge listening to Christian radios in the world. They are also sending forms containing Christian teachings in the form of questions and answers."

And what catches attention is that the missionaries are using Muslims' mailing addresses from telephone directories and commercial directories to distribute the millions of destructive books and publications," the statement added.

"The General Secretariat of the Muslim World League received complaints against these provoking actions which contradict with the simplest human rights principles. The complaints came from Muslims in various parts of the world," the statement said. "The aim of these publications is to make Muslims, their families and relatives read them and be impressed by the poison they contain," it said.



(Photo by Mohamed Hesham)

FOUNTAIN: Jeddah Municipality is forging ahead with its beautification plans for the city. One of the recently finished monuments is the one opposite the Foreign Ministry premises at the end of Medina Road.

Philippine embassy denounces Misuari statements to OIC

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 9 — Some forces of the Moro National Liberation Front and the Communist New People's Army already have banded together and simultaneously attacked several villages in southeastern Mindanao last year, the Philippine Embassy in Jeddah said.

The embassy statement followed a denial by MNLF leader Nur Misuari that the Communist NPA and the MNLF have not merged. Misuari made the statement to the Organization of Islamic Conference and it was reported in *Arab News Friday*.

An embassy statement said it deplored that Misuari had presented false information about the Pata incident to top Saudi Arabian officials.

Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, the pope and the United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

The possible merger was pointed out by

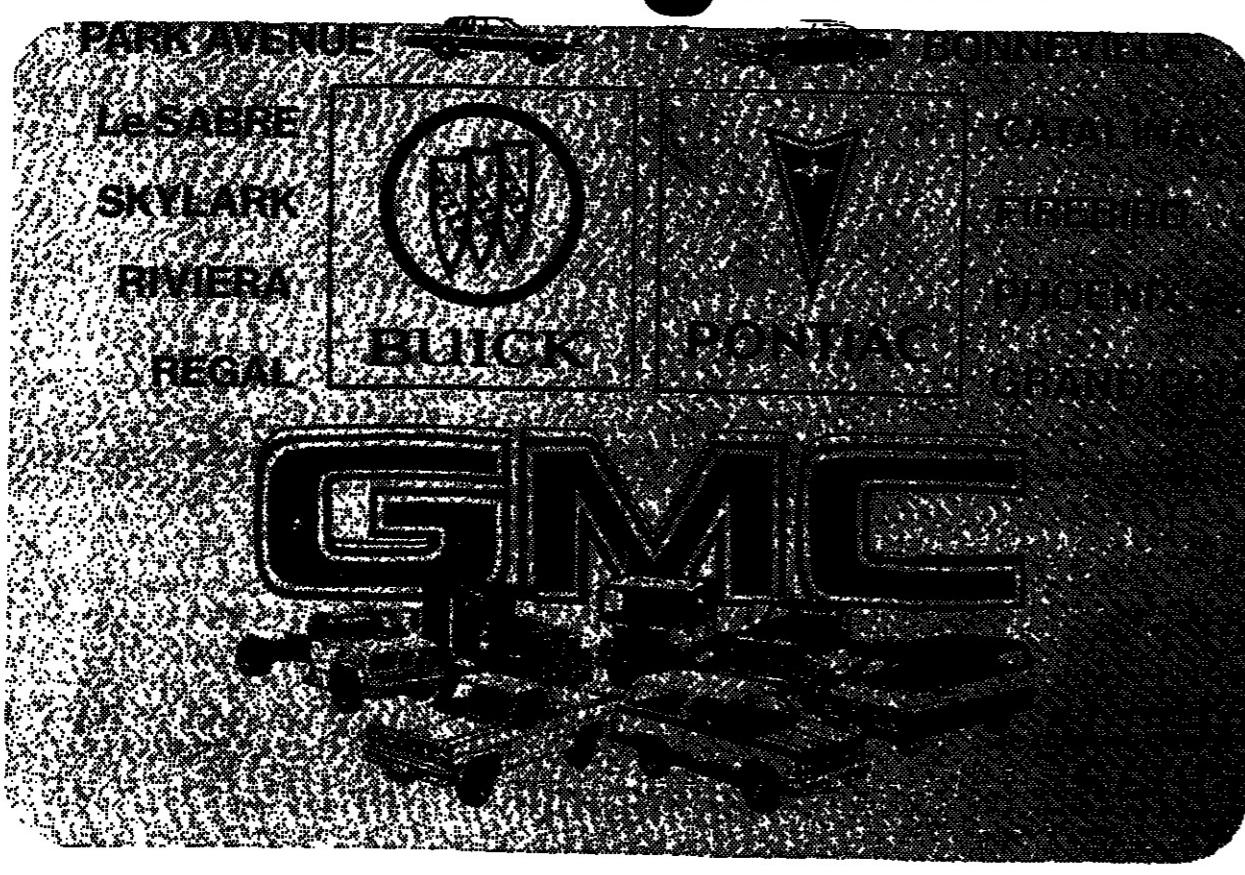
Traffic contest set

MAKKAH, May 9 (SPA) — Makkah Traffic Department is organizing traffic contest for intermediate school students in the Holy city in cooperation with Ummul Qura University, officials said Saturday.

Maj. Abdullah Yusuf Ramadani, Makkah traffic department planning and organizing division director, said the aim of the contest is to educate students of traffic rules and train them on research and study, in addition to learning the concept of traffic principles.

The contest is part of a comprehensive traffic education program for students, Maj. Ramadani said.

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FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, May 9 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates minister of state for foreign affairs, Rashid Abdalla, Saturday received Indian Ambassador, Lalitendu Mansingh, during which he reviewed with him bilateral relations and the arrangements to be made for Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's visit to the UAE on Monday.

Later Abdalla met with Italian Ambassador Antonio Napolitano.

Bilateral relations, the situation in the Middle East and issues of mutual interest were reviewed at the meeting.

ABU DHABI, May 9 (WAM) — Abdul Rahman Al-Jarwan, the under-secretary of the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs conferred here Saturday with Noboru Nakahiro, the Japanese ambassador in the country.

During the meeting, the two men reviewed bilateral relations, and issues of common interest leading among which was the situation in the Middle East.

ABU DHABI, May 9 (WAM) — The UAE delegation to the meetings of the Economic Committee for Western Asia, which was held in Sanaa, North Yemen, returned home Saturday.

The delegation was headed by Saif Saeed Sa'ad, UAE ambassador to South Yemen.

The meeting discussed a number of questions pertaining to the handicapped.

ABU DHABI, May 9 (WAM) — Meetings of the technical committee preparing for the third conference of the Arab and peninsular states planning ministers opens in Kuwait Sunday.

The UAE delegation to the three-day meeting left here Saturday for Kuwait to attend the meeting.

The committee will prepare the agenda of the conference and fix its date.

The Arab Gulf and peninsular states held their second meeting in Doha last year.

ABU DHABI, May 9 (WAM) — Sheikh Surour bin Muhammad, chamberlain of the presidential court met here Saturday with the visiting South Yemen Minister of Construction Haider Abu Bakr Al Attas.

ABU DHABI, May 9 (WAM) — The UAE delegation to the meetings of the Symposium on Social Defense and Criminal Policy in the light of Islamic rules, due to start in Rabat on Monday left here Saturday.

The three-day symposium was sponsored by the Arab Organization for Social Defense Against Crimes.

The delegation comprises Abdul Wahab Abdou, acting under-secretary at the minis-

try of justice; Ahmed Al-Madroush, director of Sharjah social affairs department and a number of senior interior ministry officials.

MANAMA, May 9 (SPA) — The fifth session of the Programs Committee of the Gulf Television Council began its meetings here Saturday. The session lasts three days. Delegations from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the UAE, Iraq and Qatar are taking part in the meetings.

Sheikh Issa ibn Rashed Al-Khalifa, Bahraini deputy information minister, stressed the importance of regular meetings for the committee for producing joint Gulf television programs.

KUWAIT, May 9 (SPA) — The Ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, received a message from King Hassan of Morocco Saturday. The message was delivered by Abdul Wahab Begazz, Moroccan information minister, during his meeting with Sheikh Jaber. The contents of the message were not disclosed.

Ambassador-designate lauds U.S.-Saudi ties

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 9 — In a statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Robert G. Neumann, ambassador-designate to Saudi Arabia, said that his nomination underscores the enormous importance of "our relations with Saudi Arabia."

"I am determined, if confirmed and appointed, to do everything in my power and capability, to further these relations within the context of the national interests of the United States," he added.

"Happily, U.S.-Saudi Arabian relations are old and tested. I can only assure you that, if nominated and appointed, I shall do everything in my power to enhance them," Neumann said.

If confirmed by the U.S. Congress, Neumann will be posted to Saudi Arabia to fill the post left vacant by former ambassador John West.

"You are aware, from the documentation submitted, of my educational, professional and personal qualification. There would appear no need to repeat them here. The last twenty-five years, especially since I spent them largely in the study of concrete diplomatic action in the Middle East, have convinced me of the inescapable difficulties of such an assignment. But only difficult tasks are interesting," he told the committee.

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Asr (Evening)	3.36	3.44	3.15	3.06	3.30	4.04
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.51	6.56	6.28	6.17	6.42	7.15
Isha (Night)	8.21	8.26	7.58	7.47	8.12	8.45



Hussein Mansouri
Transport links to strengthen

RIYADH, May 9 (SPA) — Transport Minister Hussein Mansouri Saturday said that the formation of the Gulf Cooperation Council would strengthen transportation networks between Gulf states.

In an interview with *Al Riyadh* and *Al Yom* newspapers, Mansouri pointed out that efforts are underway for linking Gulf states with a highway network and studies are going ahead to construct a railway line between the Kingdom and Kuwait.

The minister disclosed that work in setting up the causeway linking the Kingdom with Bahrain will start soon.

The project will help in boosting bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries, the minister added.

On the reconstruction of the Hijaz railway road, Mansouri said a high committee has finalized a feasibility study on the project and recommended that the railroad will carry passengers and goods.

Canadians visit UPM

DAHRAHN, May 9 (SPA) — A delegation representing Canadian universities visited the University of Petroleum and Minerals of Dahran Saturday. The delegation includes Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Qwaziz, UPM academic affairs undersecretary, to brief them on the university's specialized faculties and academic programs.

The delegation toured UPM's academic department, the support services building, scientific laboratories, the central library, information storing center and the research institute.

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Gulf study deals with oil pollution

Gulf Bureau

MANAMA, May 9 — A recent study by the Massachusetts-based World Information System has emphasized the need for contingency plans to deal with oil pollution emergencies in the Gulf region.

The study, which projected that from 1980 to 1989 more than 1.5 million metric tons will pollute Gulf waters, said 144,000 metric tons of oil polluted the Gulf area last year.

The estimates have been made by the study of factors such as natural seepages, transportation losses — which includes accidental and operational discharge at terminals — coastal refineries, atmospheric fall out, municipal and non-refinery industrial waste, urban and river run-off.

Of these, transportation losses accounted for more than 58 per cent of the total pollution in 1979, while off-shore exploration and production accounted for 22 per cent.

According to the estimates, oil pollution in the Gulf represents three per cent of the total oil pollution in the world.

The Gulf region is witnessing the world's most rapid economic development and the average investment per kilometer of coastline in the area range between DH72 million and DH128 million. The Gulf accounted for 33.8 per cent of the world's total oil production last year, while it consumed only two per cent of that production.

These countries exported about 60 per cent of all oil transported around the world, with about 100 ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz daily in 1979. The region, according to the study, produces the highest ratio of oil per active well of any area in the world.

Speaking of incidents involving loss from spillage or fire of more than 20,000 gallons last year.

Reporting incidents involving loss from spillage or fire of more than 20,000 gallons last year, the study points out that in 1979 the world-wide loss increased 56 per cent over the corresponding loss for 1978. In the Gulf region, there have been two major spills since August last year.

These spills, the study states, serve as case studies for research, policy makers and response teams in the region. They also illustrated the need for techniques to monitor and track spills, plans to compensate damage victims, contingency plans to ensure a rapid response and scientific programs to assess and monitor environmental impacts.

In late August, 1980, a 25-square-kilometer oil slick reached the northern and western coasts of Bahrain. The sticky, black crude oil washed ashore along 75 kilometers of coastline — including several public beaches — causing damage to fish traps, nets and fishing boats. But by October, the affected areas had been cleaned up.

In the second major incident, the Habash six well blew out about 100 meters off the Saudi Arabian coast and spilled between 5,000 and 10,000 barrels of heavy crude oil per day from Oct. 2 to 10.

The spill was a major trans-boundary pollution incident, involving clean-up crews in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Iran and the UAE. It also focused attention on the need for a series of treaties to enable Gulf nations to respond quickly to such major pollution incidents.

The study pointed out that an active reporting system enabling governments to accumulate information on oil-spill incidents, identify activities that require regulation and pinpoint areas of high-spill frequency is needed urgently.

It suggested developing training programs within the region for spill-response personnel.

The study's estimates of the volume of oil pollution during the next decade is based on the assumption that the surface-area and geologic study of the region will remain constant so that oil pollution from natural seepages and from atmospheric fallout will remain constant, offshore production will increase by 1.7 per cent per year and the associated oil pollution from offshore drilling will also rise by the same percentage.

The study said that the volume of Middle East oil exports will increase by three-tenths of one per cent annually, and the oil-spill rates for tanker casualties, tanker cleaning and ballasting, and terminal operations also will increase by the same annual percentage.

These assumptions do not include a normalization factor for pollution that might result from natural disasters, sabotage or war during the ten-year period.

In addition, these projections do not assume any changes in the amount of oil production, consumption and export in the region.

Prince Naif meets S.Korean minister

RIYADH, May 9 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif met with South Korean Interior Minister Suh Chung Whu Saturday. The Korean minister arrived here earlier in the day on a few days' visit to the Kingdom.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad, Deputy Interior Minister Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji and members of the delegation accompanying the Korean minister. The meeting concentrated on exchanging cordial talks on bilateral relations between Saudi Arabia and South Korea. The Korean minister's visit comes in response to an invitation by Prince Naif.

In a separate development, Public Security Director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh made an inspection tour to several Riyadh police divisions. The inspection included the Operations Department and the Central Investigation Department. Gen. Al-Sheikh was received and accompanied during the tour by Lt. Gen. Muhammad ibn Ayesh, Riyadh police director.

COMMENT

By Abdal Karim Saleh Al-Tufail
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I am not against anybody when I say that many people of the limited income group who really are entitled to land plots have not got them, while many others own them, although they do not need such plots. It will be no exaggeration to say that some of them have even amassed wealth through trading in these lands.

In wonder why there is no such scheme through which underhanded dealing are checked. It is said that the municipality has prepared a special "format" through which a deserving person can obtain a piece of land, if he can satisfy the authorities by his answers to the questions contained therein. I have heard that these formats would be distributed through government departments and other relevant agencies.

The scheme may seem to be a practical measure in the beginning, but I am sure the land would not be allotted to the deserving because there will be people to exploit the situation. The deserving can benefit from the scheme only when people work with a clean conscience and adhere to pity and impartiality in their outlook.

Basically, there ought to be a sound education on all such matters which should make the well-to-do to realize that there are others who deserve these facilities more than they do. But, since this seems to be almost impossible, a discreet and impartial action would be needed of all the municipalities empowered to grant land to the deserving or to retrieve it from those who actually do not deserve it.

Europe hears explanation of Islamic economic system

JEDDAH, May 9 (SPA) — The Islamic economic system has been introduced to the West as a substitute for the current world economic order through an Islamic-European dialogue held in Baden-Baden, West Germany, according to a leading economic economist.

Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal, president of the international association of Islamic Banks, said Friday night, "We have received a great response on the part of the Europeans. They now feel that their economic system is no longer able to solve their problems," the prince said.

Son of the late King Faisal, Prince Muhammad is an active Islamic pioneer. He is behind a project for towing icebergs from the South Pole to Saudi Arabia to provide drinking water for this desert Kingdom.

The Islamic economic system was discussed at the Islamic-European seminar that ended Friday. "We are just now expounding our economic system. Then we will begin the phase of persuasion," the prince added.

According to the prince, about 23 Islamic banks will be set up in and outside the Islamic world during the coming five years. In addition, 30 Islamic insurance companies, one re-insurance company and 18 Islamic investment companies will be created around the world.

The institutions will form an integrated network providing the necessary components for the development of the Islamic world, he said.

Shares worth more than \$800 million for the newly-created "Darul Mal Al-Islami"

Jordan official given dinner

RIYADH, May 9 (SPA) — Makkah Police Commander Maj. Gen. Ali Al-Mash'ooft, Friday, gave a dinner in honor of Jordan's Public Security Chief Maj. Gen. Ma'amoon Khalil who is visiting the Kingdom. The banquet was attended by Western Province Commander Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaib, and other officials in Jeddah.

Schools require visas for students

RIYADH, May 9 (SPA) — The Education Ministry instructed school directors not to admit any non-Saudi Arabian students without a legal residence permit as of the next academic year.

The ministry said in a statement Friday that birth certificates granted to foreigners are not sufficient without a residence permit. It called on schools to submit names of students without permits to the Passports Department and inform their guardians to legalize their status according to the rules.



Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal
(Islamic finance house) will be floated for public subscription throughout the Islamic world next month with a maximum value of \$1 per share, he added. This will enable as many Muslims as possible to participate in the project.

The company was first thought of in 1970 to be a tool for the unification of the Islamic world's economic and financial efforts beyond the concept of nationalism or regionalism, Prince Muhammad said. The company already has been registered with private subscription amounting to 35 per cent of the \$1 billion overall capital.

Each share for private subscription varies from a minimum \$1 million to a maximum \$3 million. Prince Muhammad said the nascent company is a model of integrated Islamic economy and its sole objective is to encourage an economy based on Islamic laws which bans interest as usury.

On the Islamic-European dialogue that wound up in West Germany, the prince said, "We have begun introducing through this seminar the Islamic economic system as a substitute for the current world economic order.

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Goukouni wants African force

Chadian capital demilitarized

YAOUNDE, May 9 (AFP) — Chadian interim President Goukouni Oueddei has announced the immediate demilitarization of the capital, N'djamena, and agreed to a neutral African force being sent to the country.

In a statement to radio Cameroun, recorded after a one-day meeting between Goukouni and Cameroun President Ahmadou Ahidjo in Ngaoundere, northern Cameroun, the Chadian leader said that "if Africa wants to send a force, then we agree, and we have even put forward the names of some countries which should send contingents."

Armed units supporting different factions in the transitional government, created as a way of ending repeated civil wars, would be withdrawn from N'djamena "today, or if not, tomorrow," Goukouni said. The demilitarization of the capital and despatch of an African peacekeeping force to the landlocked

west African state were two of the principal items in the "Lagos accord" signed in the Nigerian capital in August 1979 by all sides in Chad's complex political scene.

The accord broke down with the subsequent rebellion of interim Defense Minister Hissen Habre and his armed forces of the north (Fan), but the nine-month-long war that followed ended last December after Libyan troops intervened alongside loyalist forces.

Goukouni said that government policy was to integrate the different armed factions into a national army, and two 2,400-strong units had already been formed and placed under central command. Civilians would all be disarmed within "a short time," he added.

The president said that it had not yet been possible to organize free elections, as specified in the Lagos accords, because of the nine-month civil war last year. But, he added, "we are well on the way to carrying out the

accords to the letter."

Goukouni and Ahidjo expressed concern over pressures and intervention in Chad's internal affairs. In a joint communiqué, they did not specify who was exerting pressure or intervening, but said it constituted a threat to peace and stability. Diplomats said each side could interpret the reference differently.

Cameroun has condemned the presence of Libyan troops in Chad. Goukouni has accused French troops in the neighboring Central African Republic of putting pressure on Chad.

A committee will be set up to repatriate refugees from Chad who are living in Cameroun, the communiqué said. The committee will comprise representatives from both countries and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, it added.

Some 100,000 refugees fled from the Chad capital, N'djamena to Kousseri in Cameroun during fighting last year between forces loyal to Goukouni and troops led by rebel Defense Minister Hissen Habre.

Goukouni left for home Friday after two days of talks with Ahidjo. Diplomats believed Ahidjo was using the talks to assess how much influence Qaddafi had gained over Goukouni by sending him troops.

Arab states take up case of jailed Palestine youth

CHICAGO, May 9 (R) — Two exiled mayors from the occupied West Bank have visited a jailed Palestinian facing extradition to Israel and gave him assurances of support from Arab governments.

Ziad Abu Ein, 21, is appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court against his extradition, denying he planted a bomb that killed two boys and injured 36 persons in the Galilee town of Tiberias in May 1979. Exiled Hebron Mayor Fahd Qawasmi and Halhoun Mayor Muhammed Milhem both expelled from the West Bank by Israeli authorities last year, said concerned Arab governments had taken up his case with the U.S. State Department.

They told a news conference that 17 Arab ambassadors in Washington had written to Secretary of State Alexander Haig opposing extradition on the grounds that the charge was fabricated and political. They also said Jordan's Deputy Information Minister Boutros Sabah visited Ziad Thursday.

Meanwhile Israeli Police detained some 40 Palestinian youths who demonstrated violently in Arab east Jerusalem Friday in support of the Syrian army in Lebanon, police sources said.

The demonstrators hurled stones at police and shouted slogans in favor of the Syrians and attacked Israeli support for Lebanese fighters.

U.S. to tell NATO allies to halt arms sales to Libya

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP) — The Ronald Reagan administration will "vigorously press" NATO allies to halt military and nuclear sales to Libya, Congress has been told. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Morris Draper made the statement in a written reply to questions from the Senate Near East Subcommittee. A copy was made available to reporters Friday.

Draper said the United States has prohibited nuclear and military sales to Libya since the early 1970s and has frequently asked its allies to do the same. "We fully intend to renew and vigorously press this position," Draper said.

A State Department spokesman, David Nall, said the effort to halt nuclear and military sales to Libya is not related to the State Department's expulsion this week of Libyan diplomats. He said the sales cutoff is in response to Libyan chief of state Col. Muammar Qaddafi's stated efforts to obtain nuclear capability. Draper told the Senate subcommittee that "many of our NATO allies continue to sell military equipment and provide other related military services to Libya."

But he said "some are beginning to have second thoughts on this matter." Recently, the French government canceled a sale of missile patrol boats to Libya valued at \$650 million.

Greece-Cyprus talks make little progress

ATHENS, May 9 (AP) — Cypriot Foreign Minister Nikos Rolandis has said if the inter-communal talks between the Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots show no progress by the end of the summer the Greek-Cypriots may seek other ways to solve the problem of the divided island.

Rolandis, here on an official visit, termed positive the fact that the talks were continuing. But he added, "The positiveness is diminished by the fact that in the months since the talks resumed, there has been no progress on essential issues." He refused to elaborate on what specific measures his government would take if the talks fail to produce results.

Asked to comment on a recent statement by Greek Foreign Minister Constantine Miltzaklis that the talks were entering "a decisive phase," Polanidis said, "We as Cypriots want to hope that finally the time has come for Cyprus."

Morocco holds local poll in W. Sahara province

DAKHLA, Western Sahara, May 9 (R) — Morocco has organized its first local elections in the Wadi-Ed-Dahab province of the Western Sahara which it took over from Mauritania in August 1979.

Algerian-backed Polisario men are fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony. Friday's elections at Dakhla, Wadi-Ed-Dahab's main city, were aimed at "regularizing a de facto situation," Interior Minister Driss Basri said.

Moroccan authorities flew reporters to Dakhla to watch hundreds of Western Saharans voting in the tiny locality adorned with

Moroccan flags and posters of King Hassan, apparently far from the Polisario war. After Spain withdrew, Morocco shared the Western Sahara with Mauritania. But in 1979, the Rabat government annexed the southern part after Mauritania withdrew under a peace agreement with the Polisario Front.

Further north, at Smara, the western Sahara's second biggest city, over 300 Saharans elected the local council of Haousa, Haousa, a hamlet west of Smara and outside the area firmly controlled by the Moroccan army, is regarded by the Polisario fighters as their provisional capital pending independence.

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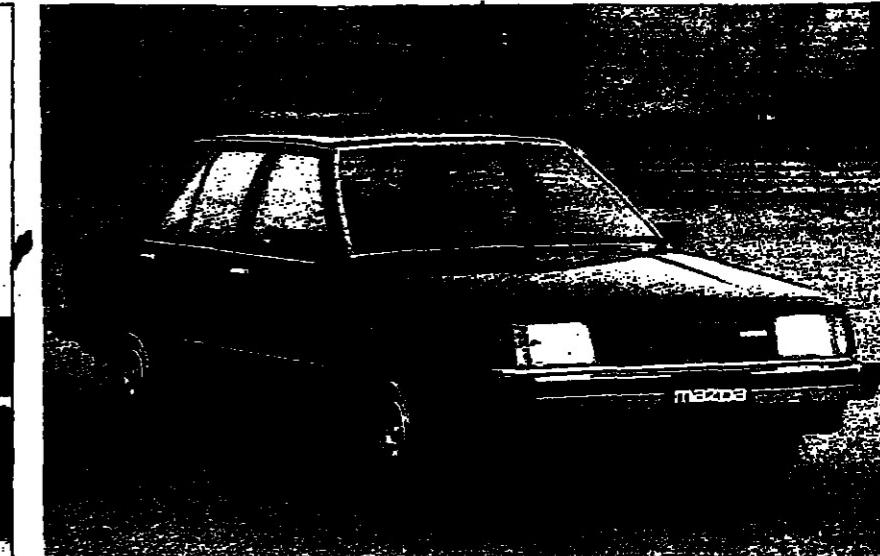




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Floods but no drinking water

Somali refugee camps cut off for two weeks

MOGADISHU, May 9 (AFP) — Four refugee camps in the far east of Somalia sheltering more than 60,000 persons have been cut off from the rest of the world for more than two weeks by flooding of the Juba River.

A nurse of the French Médecins Sans Frontières (doctors without frontiers) Organization said on her return by plane from the region that there was nothing to eat in the four camps of Burdobo, Helle Marcer, Surya and Malka Hidda. The situation was meanwhile dramatic in the Hirran region north of here, where the provincial capital Belet Uen and three camps have had to be evacuated because of flooding from the River Shabelle.

At the same time, international relief organizations were having to face a new crisis in western Somalia. "The women are selling all they have — jewelry, pots and pans — to try to buy something to eat on the black market," the nurse, Marie-Dominique Durcudur, said, manifestly exhausted by two months in the muddy camps.

Eighteen trucks which left Mogadishu three weeks ago with supplies for the four isolated camps never arrived at their destination. They are still on the road between Lugh Janana and Garba Harre, stuck up to their axles in mud.

It has been possible to transfer the cargos if only three trucks to four-wheel-drive utili-

ty vehicles, which allowed the distribution of a little food to the camps at the beginning of the week. "In the food centers, food is handed out to underfed children one can see the kids losing weight, which means that they are no longer eating anything at home," Miss Durcudur said.

Many children between one and two years old weighed no more than 5 kilos (about 11 pounds), she added. The irony is that, while it has been raining in Somalia for two months, there is nothing to drink. All the watering points were near the river and are now under water.

The camps' refugees were drinking water from puddles, which has prompted an increase in acute diarrhea accompanied by dehydration. Even the health centers could no longer boil water, all necessary firewood having been swept away by the river which has been transformed from a modest stream to a raging torrent up to 100 meters (yards) wide.

The world has responded quickly to the disaster in Somalia. An Air France Boeing 707, chartered by the European Economic Community, is due here Monday with 40 tonnes of emergency aid including protein biscuits for children, blankets, milk products, sheeting and fuel.

FLOOD HAVOC: Flood waters from Shabelle River swamps a refugee camp in Somalia's central province following heavy rains in Ethiopia where the river has its head waters. Somalia's refugee population who fled fighting in the Ethiopian-administered Ogaden region now risk death from disease or hunger from the floods which have destroyed crops and fields which had been prepared for planting. (AP wirephoto)

Aquino planning to escalate terrorism, Marcos says

MANILA, May 9 (AP) — President Ferdinand E. Marcos claimed Friday U.S.-based Filipino opposition leader Gen. Aquino was meeting with a top Filipino Muslim leader "somewhere in Syria" supposedly to escalate terrorism in the Philippines.

The official, Philippine News Agency (PNA) and government radio said Marcos made the claim in a briefing the president regularly gives local reporters. The meeting between Aquino and Nur Misuari, the Libya-based chairman of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) "disturbs us," Marcos said in a portion of the interview broadcast by the radio. "He is always thinking of terrorism and violence," Marcos added.

Reporting on the same interview, PNA said that when asked what the purpose of the Aquino-Misuari meeting was, Marcos replied: "He (Aquino) will tell me he will try to bring Misuari here. But the truth of the matter is he will want to tie up with Misuari and claim the distinction of causing all the

violence (in the Philippines)."

The MNLF has been fighting for Muslim self-rule in the southern Philippines for more than eight years.

— Aquino, who has been accused of masterminding a series of terrorist bombings in Manila last year, has been living in Boston since Marcos released him last May from 7½ years in prison under martial law to undergo a heart operation in the United States.

Marcos also was reported as saying the government was looking into reports the MNLF and the new People's Army, military arm of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines, had linked up in the southern Mindanao region. Marcos, however, was quoted as saying that he doubted such a union was possible. Muslims and Communists, he said, are "natural enemies" who "don't trust each other."

Ethiopian casualties 80, says TPLF

KHARTOUM, May 9 (AP) — Fighters seeking autonomy for Ethiopia's Tigre province claimed Saturday they had killed or wounded 80 Ethiopian soldiers in a strike on a government garrison.

The Tigre People's Liberation Front, which maintains offices the Sudanese capital, claimed the attack took place at the town of Mekoni, in southern Tigre Province. There was no way of independently confirming the report, which stated also that a district gover-

nor named Ayalew Terer had been slain in the assault.

The front said the attack took place last Sunday. It did not explain the delay in reporting the action. It said, though, that front militiamen "effectively repulsed" government units who tried to enter the Tigre town of Feresmay.

The front with the acronym "TPLF" claimed the government soldiers were attempting to recruit troops.

Iraqi official seeks support of Bangladesh

DACCA, May 9 (R) — Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan arrived here Friday on a three-day visit for talks with the Bangladesh government on the Iran-Iraq war and increased bilateral cooperation.

Ramadan, who is leading a four-member delegation, told reporters on arrival that he would discuss all matters of mutual interest to the two countries. On the Gulf war, he said Iraq was prepared for a peaceful settlement and added: "The only thing we ask for is the recognition of national sovereignty and non-interference in our internal affairs."

Sadat likely to meet Reagan in September

CAIRO, May 9 (AP) — Presidents Ronald Reagan and Anwar Sadat are expected to hold talks in the United States in September in efforts to revive the stalled Middle East peace process, a magazine said Thursday.

In a brief news item, the weekly *October* magazine noted the visit would come after the Israeli elections June 30. Sadat was to have summit talks with former President Jimmy Carter in November. But after Reagan's election he said it would be embarrassing to hand the incoming president with the Middle East problem so soon. Sadat said he would wait until Reagan was more familiar with international issues.

BRIEFS

AGEN, (AP) — A Jordanian Mirage F1 fighter crashed Friday on a training flight in southern France between Damazan and Buzet, military sources said. The pilot, Nasar Rashedah Dahir, 30, from Karak, ejected and landed without injury, they said.

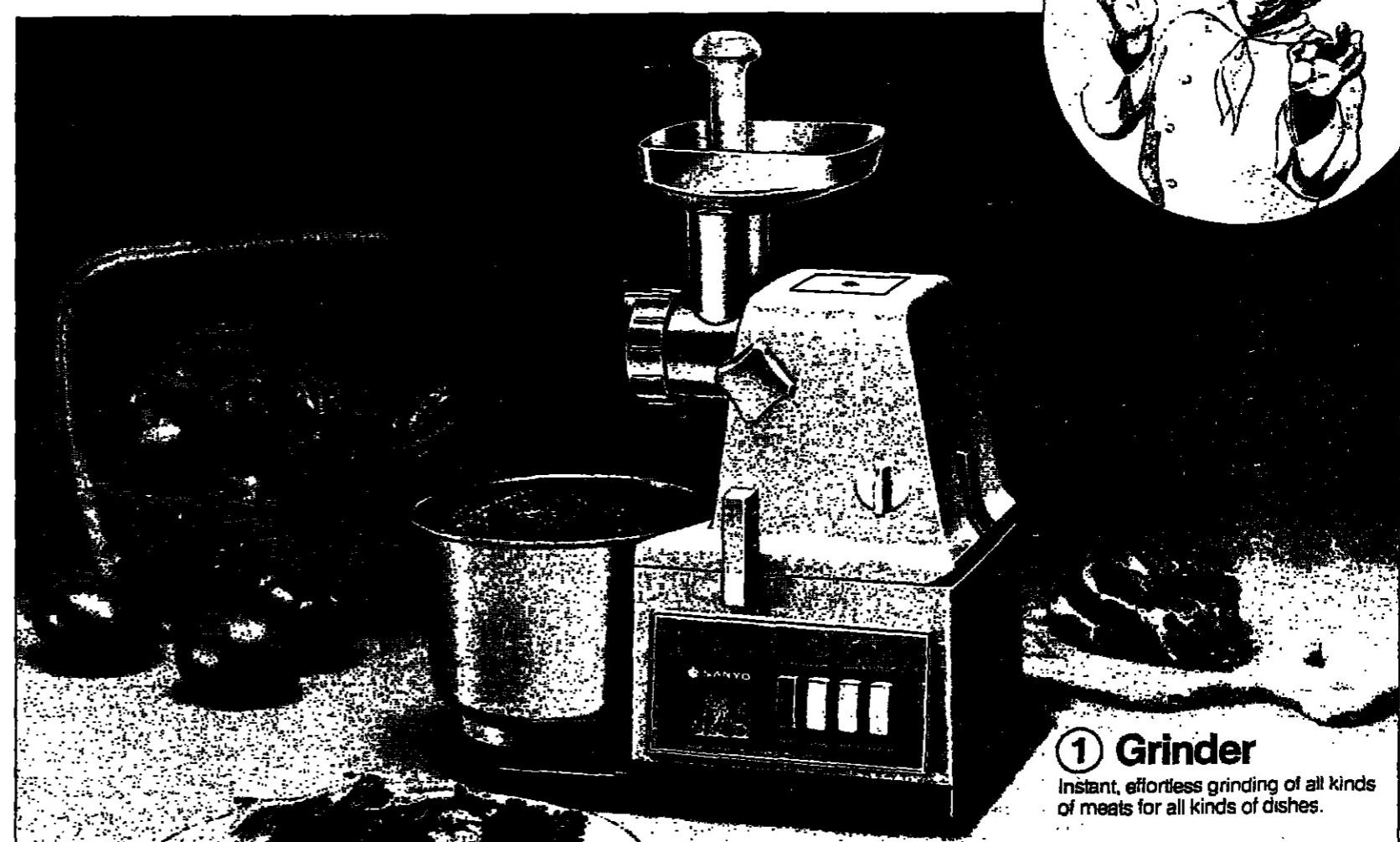
SAN SEBASTIAN, (R) — Spanish trawlers fishing in Moroccan waters are heading home in protest against Thursday's machine-gun attack on one of them by Moroccan patrol boats.

ADDIS ABABA, (AFP) — Djibouti Foreign Minister Moumin Farah left for home Saturday after a two-day visit to Ethiopia believed to have touched on peace feelers by Djibouti in the dispute between Ethiopia and Somalia.

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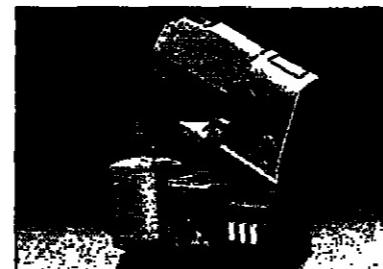
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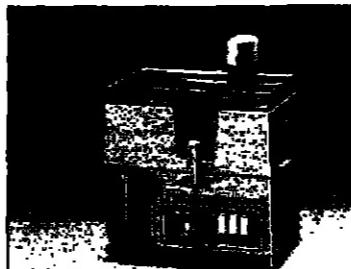
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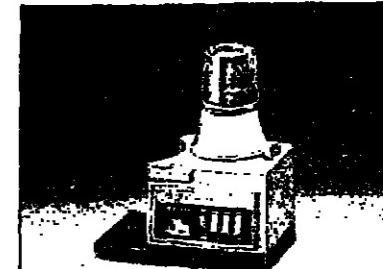
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Hopeful signs in Lebanon

By Christopher Mayhew

Short of a new Israeli invasion in force, the situation in Lebanon could hardly have been worse than it has been during the past two weeks. At times, a major war seemed a real possibility. The unity of the country and its very existence as an independent state seemed lost forever. Yet when the smoke of last week's battles has cleared, new and solid grounds for hope may well be revealed.

Not for the first time, the Israelis have overreached themselves. When their Phantoms destroyed two Syrian helicopters in the Bekaa valley, they breached the long-standing agreement, sponsored by the Americans, that they would not attack Syrian troops and aircraft carrying out their peacekeeping role. But this agreement, which also restricted the deployment of weapons and ground forces by the Syrians, had long been operating to Israel's advantage. By breaching it, the Israelis opened the way to the deployment of sophisticated Syrian antiaircraft weapons which could have a profound effect on the balance of power in Lebanon.

Of course if Israel's intention was to provoke an all-out war with Syria the attack on the helicopters made military sense. And this would also explain Begin's extraordinary comment afterward: "There are grounds to assume that we will not be content with this action... We cannot acquiesce in the attempt of the Syrians to take control of the Lebanon and destroy the Christians."

But does Israel really wish to provoke all-out war, and if so, is she in position to do so? It seems very doubtful. Not because there is not an influential war party in Tel Aviv but because the Americans, after first clumsily appearing to support Israel's aggressive posture, are now strongly opposed to further escalation.

There are small but hopeful signs that the new American administration is beginning to understand some of the realities of the Middle East. U.S. Secretary of State Haig lays somewhat heavier stress nowadays on the importance of dealing with the Palestine problem. President Reagan is refusing to bend to pro-Israeli pressure to abandon the arms deal with Saudi Arabia. Spokesmen for the State Department have been trying to explain away Haig's extraordinary one-sided condemnation of Syrian military operations at Zahlé.

Already isolated and embarrassed by its attempt to defend Israel at meetings with NATO allies and at U.N., the Americans are now leaning heavily on Begin to prevent another bloody invasion of Lebanon. It is hard to believe they will not succeed.

Equal justice is sure to be shown by the Soviet Union, which in every Middle East crisis invariably backs away from direct confrontation with the United States. Today, embarrassed by their disastrous military and political intervention in Afghanistan and by the nightmare of possible intervention in Poland, they are likely to do their utmost to avoid being drawn more deeply into the struggle in Lebanon.

Bad as their relations with each other are, the United States and the Soviet Union acknowledge a strong common interest in preventing further escalation in Lebanon; and this will inevitably make it hard for the Israelis to continue sabotaging peacekeeping there. As Israeli military support for the Phalangists weakens, the possibility of reconciliation grows. Already there are a number of hopeful signs. The visit of the Syrian foreign minister to Beirut, and especially his long discussions with rightist leaders Chamoun and Gemayel, seem to have been unexpectedly productive. It seems possible that something much more substantial than the familiar shortlived ceasefires can be agreed.

Like Britain's peacekeeping role in Northern Ireland, Syria's in Lebanon deserves more support than it gets. The British troops, originally sent to protect Irish republicans, are now attacked by republican gunmen. The Syrian troops, originally sent to protect Lebanese Christians, are now attacked by Christian gunmen. So it is hard for British people not to feel some sympathy for the Syrian peacekeeping force. Arab governments do themselves no credit when they simply criticize the Syrians while refusing to shoulder any of the peacekeeping burden themselves.

In the end, Lebanon cannot survive as an independent state without some lessening of the fear and hatred which keeps its factions so bitterly divided. Some people will say that things have now gone too far, and that reconciliation has become impossible. But it is really true that Christians and Muslims in Lebanon will never come together again, not even in some kind of loose relationship? Surely not. It is possible to believe of the Irish that they will never "forgive and forget". It is not possible to believe this of the Lebanese.

Letters to the editor

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Saudi Arabian Press Review

Al Jazirah and *Al Yom* Saturday led with a statement by U.S. ambassador-designate to Saudi Arabia Robert Newman, in which he described the Kingdom as an "element of stability in the region", and added that the U.S. arms will be sold to Saudi Arabia. *Al Bilad* gave lead coverage to West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's reiteration that "we cannot renounce our international responsibilities toward the Kingdom and Gulf", while *Al Riyad* gave lead prominence to Israel's mounting threats to Syria. *Al Nadwa* highlighted Syrian President Hafez Assad's warning against a possible Zionist aggression, and *Al Medina* reported in its lead that the Palestinian Military Council is taking appropriate measures to cope with the prevailing situation in Lebanon.

Al Yam frontpaged Syria's official refusal to withdraw its missiles from Lebanon, while *Al Riyad* mentioned in a front-page story that the non-aligned goodwill committee members met in New Delhi Friday to prepare for a new round of talks to find a solution to the Iraq-Iran conflict. *Al Bilad* highlighted King Khaled's impending visit to Britain, saying an historic welcome awaited the monarch in London.

Al Nadwa gave page one prominence to a statement by Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal, Chairman of the International Federation of Islamic Banks, who said that 23 Islamic banks and 38 investment companies would be established within the next five years. Further losses to the Soviet occupation forces in Afghanistan at the hands of Afghan

revolutionaries figured prominently on the front page of *Al Medina* newspaper.

In an editorial on the Israeli threat to Syria, *Al Medina* observed that the Zionist enemy is terrorizing the Lebanese and the Palestinians to make them capitulate to expansionist ambitions. The Syrians, who are in direct confrontation with Israel, must remember that they are not alone, but that the whole Islamic and Arab world stands behind them to give full support against that enemy, the paper said.

Commenting on Israeli threats, *Al Riyad* said editorially that, like U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, U.S. envoy Philip Habib would also be convinced that the Israeli threats are no longer acceptable and the Arabs have no alternative but to confront the Israeli challenges. Denouncing Israel's intransigence, the paper said the enemy has never submitted to any diplomatic efforts and is now trying "to snatch every winning card from the Arabs", so that vainglorious attitude continues unabated. The paper was sure that, if the U.S. envoy took into consideration his country's favor toward Israel, he would be convinced that the U.S. pro-Israel policy has pushed the situation toward its lowest ebb.

On the same subject, *Okaz* noted that the dimensions of the new wave of Israeli assaults were never unknown to the Arabs. Tension had begun to build up at the Lebanese-Israeli borders when Israel launched its troop concentrations under the pretext of protecting the Phalangists. The paper exhorted



Honeymoon is over for Reagan administration

By Don Cook

PARIS — Any new U.S. administration is accorded a honeymoon period, both at home and abroad, while it gets its team in place and sorts out its ideals and gets acquainted with the facts. The Reagan administration has come to the end of this period, its first 100 days, and the European view of the administration in general, and Secretary of State Alexander Haig Jr. in particular, is both positive and skeptical.

The settling-in process is taking a good deal longer than it was supposed to take, and the wait-and-see period on this side of the Atlantic is going to last a while longer, too.

Meanwhile, there is a sense of unease and apprehension, largely because the administration has not defined any clear diplomatic objectives — what it intends to do and how it proposes to do it. Restoring American strength for example, is necessary — but to what purpose and with what diplomacy in view? In terms of national policy, military strength is a means, not an end.

Therefore, for President Reagan the real reckoning is likely to come at the end of his second 100 days, when he meets the heads of government of France, Britain, West Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan at the annual economic summit conference that is scheduled to take place in Ottawa on July 20-21. Although these talks deal for the most part with economic problems, there will be a few hours of political discussion. Reagan's ideas and the way he approaches these talks could have considerable

effect in confidence-building with his allies. Indeed, the feeling about Reagan that the other heads of government take away from Ottawa will probably be a great deal more important than any decisions made there.

On the whole, these talks were not a success for President Carter. He did his homework, worked hard and usually took the right decisions and made the right comments. But in a broader sense he never seemed to have any meeting of minds with Helmut Schmidt, Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.

At the end of Reagan's first 100 days, the actions of his administration on the whole have been reassuring, and they have gone down fairly well in Europe — despite the "over-selling" of El Salvador and a general tendency to see far too many problems in the light of a Soviet threat and global confrontation with communism.

In its approach to Europe, the Reagan administration's rearmament program has been accompanied with a generally sympathetic and open-minded attitude toward defense and the economic problems of the allies. There has been exhortation from Washington to do more, but so far the attitude has been neither harsh nor threatening. For the Europeans, the sour note so far has come from the new national security adviser, Richard Allen, who urged them to follow the Reagan example and cut social spending programs and put more into defense. Allen did not seem to be aware that West Germany has cut around \$800 million from its social programs, that Britain, Belgium and France have cut, and that Holland not only has cut, but is

also undertaking a full-scale review of its entire social-security policy.

In the Middle East, Haig's visit, followed by the prompt decision to go ahead with the AWACS deal with Saudi Arabia despite massive Israeli opposition, has signaled to the Europeans that the Reagan administration is going to try to be evenhanded. Whether it has any post-Camp David strategy for forward movement on the Palestinian question and the search for Mideast peace is one of those questions not answered in the first 100 days.

In Africa, the swing around the continent by Dr. Clifford Crocker, assistant secretary of state, has been reassuring. The fear of some big American "swing" to support of South Africa has certainly not materialized, and the Western nations are still on track together in pushing for a solution to the next big African problem, Namibia.

In the trade field, the administration's handling of the tricky problem of the Japanese and their automobile exports has for the moment defused a potential explosion of protectionism. This will be the major topic at Ottawa. But the political pressures on the Reagan administration in this field probably be a great deal stronger than in the past, and one skirmish does not mean the end of the war.

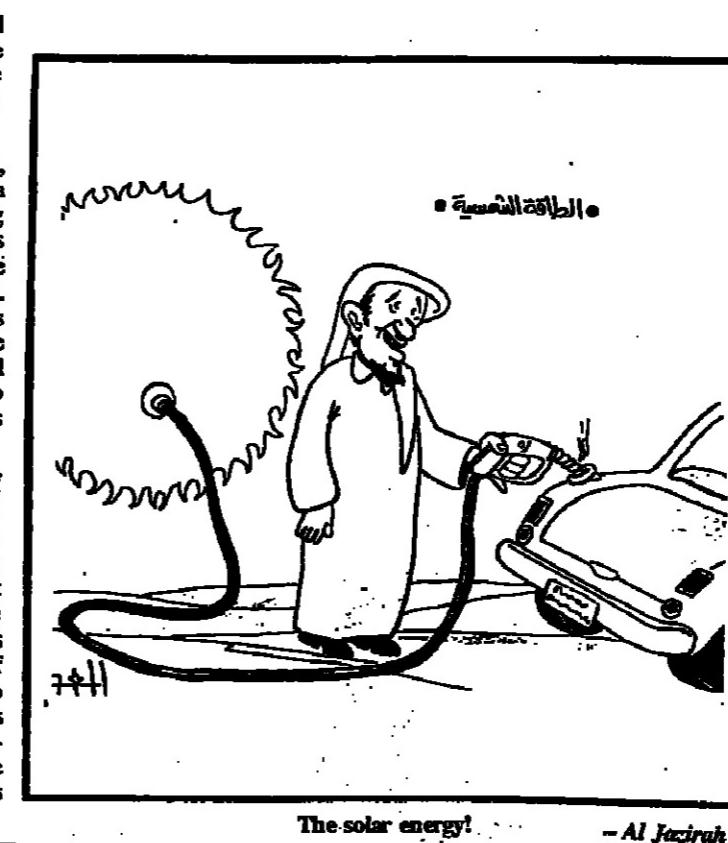
In summary, the administration's achievements have largely been reassuring holding operations — a recognition that whatever the Republican rhetoric, the realities are still the same in the Arab-Israeli conflict, in black Africa vs. South Africa, in the Atlantic Alliance and in world trade. So where does it go from here?

The European apprehension for the short term as well as the long term focuses almost entirely on what the Reagan administration intends to do about the core problem of foreign policy, relations between Washington and Moscow. On this problem it is clear that the administration has not made up its mind and is speaking with several voices — a weakness that was supposed to have died with the Carter administration.

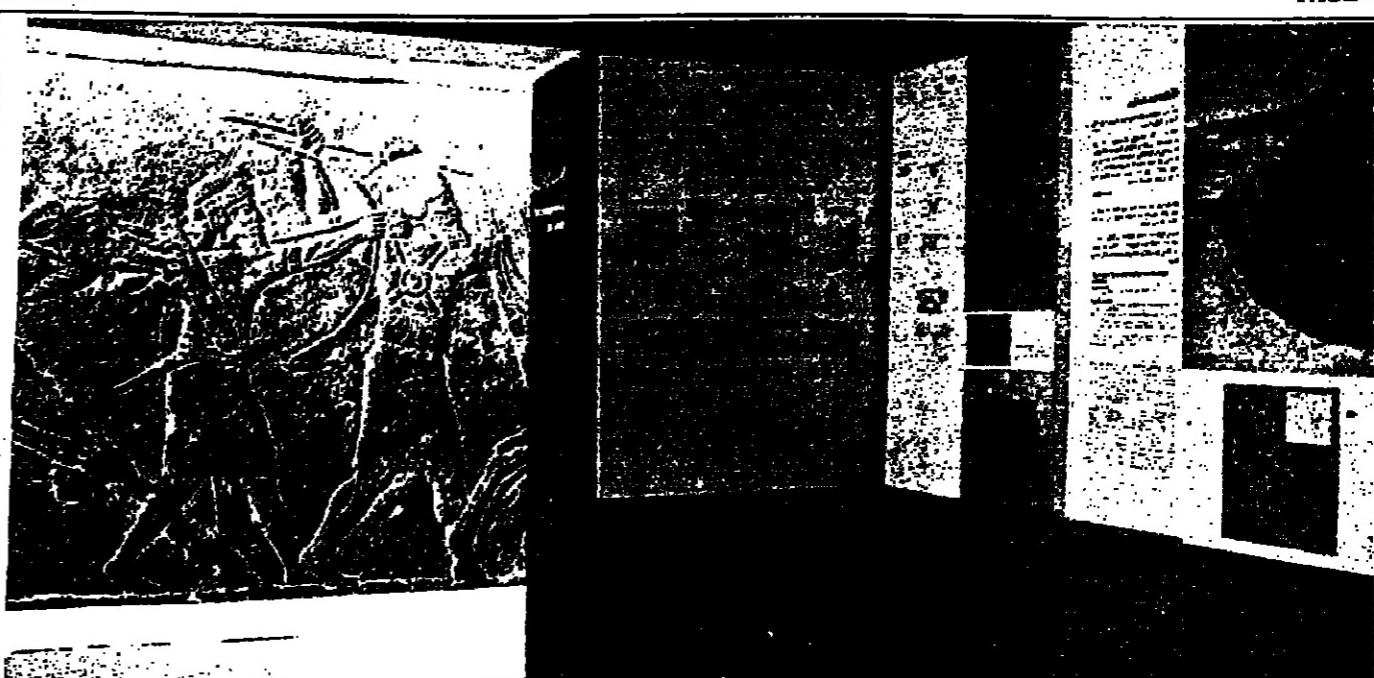
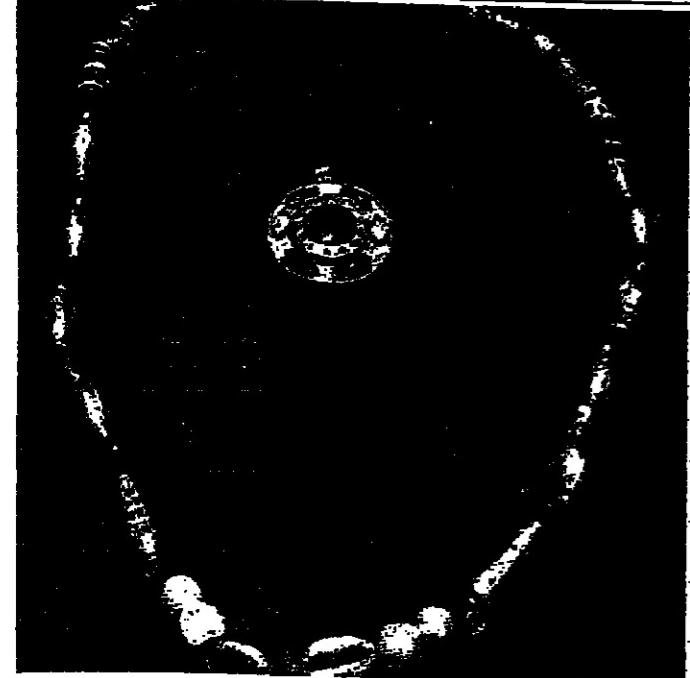
When Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger came to Europe last month, it did not take a crystal ball to perceive that Weinberger was trying to push back as far as possible the day for sitting down with the Soviets to talk of nuclear matters, while Haig, more attuned to the views of the Europeans as well as to the interlocking diplomatic realities, was ready to bring the day forward.

Almost every government in Europe is faced with an anti-nuclear campaign, and all are pleading with the United States to recognize that it will be increasingly difficult to hold public support for accepting yet more nuclear weapons over here unless arms control talks are going forward at the same time. This is an issue that will continue to divide Europe and the United States. But the suspicion so far in Europe is that Republican hard-liners in the Senate, in the White House, at the Department of Defense and at the Arms Control Agency will continue to run a blocking operation for as long as they possibly can. In the end, it will be Reagan who will have to decide, and this will probably be the main political message he receives from the Europeans at Ottawa.

After that, certainly by the end of the second 100 days, the honeymoon will be over on both sides of the Atlantic and the real test of American leadership and wisdom will begin. (LAT)



The solar energy! — *Al Jazirah*



STONE AGE: The Museum of Archaeology and Ethnography in Riyadh vividly throws light on the history of mankind. Seen above are precious stones (left); relics of the Stone Age (center); and stone carvings, maps and descriptions.

Riyadh museum throws light on history of mankind

By Betty Graham

Riyadh — Museums serve many purposes. They exist only for the scholar alone or for the general public. There are a wide range of people who have interest in them, for museums are kaleidoscopic — containing almost as many patterns as colors.

The idea of the museum was conceived during the life time by the late King Faisal and owes much to his inspiration. It has been completed under the gracious patronage of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd.

The museum, which is located near the Shemasay Hospital, is an impressive building. Entering through a large gate, the left side shows various khaki tents, to display the past mode of living, antique cooking utensils, and beautifully hand embroidered materials, depicting the traditional habits and habitats of ancient times.

The first room of the museum displays well-lit photographs of Saudi Arabia's past societies, physical evidences of which have been found in recent investigations and have uniquely contributed to man's development. These photos are remarkably imposing as they stress the revelation of Islam.

In the room next to it, superbly mounted and displayed in glass cases, are relics of the Stone Age. Thousands of years ago man lived in Saudi Arabia and developed his skills to control the environment. His early tools were made of bone, wood and stone. A crude axe used by early man and a more refined one show examples of his skill.

In a smaller room adjacent to the second one, large and well-lit photographs can be found of rock carvings displayed against the dark walls. Rock carvings play a very important part in the history of mankind. Pre-Islamic Arabian inscriptions, dating roughly to the period from 1000 B.C. — 600 A.D., have been found in the Arabian peninsula. Some are even older than this and help reveal in the psychology of man.

Lying in close proximity is the room of the Ubad period, which contains items showing evidence of an early step in urban civilization lasting from 500 B.C. to 3500 B.C. in the Eastern region of Saudi Arabia. Excavations

by the Department of Antiquities have centered on Ain Qarnas, Dosariyah and Abu Khamsin. Glass screens illustrating the varieties of Ubad pottery, charts discovered at the excavations and fine beads are all very well grouped, reflecting the development of Ubad culture through a long period. Of great interest is the room which contains items reflecting Arabian influence beyond the peninsula. Mesopotamia passes through a transitional period of high level technology including wheel-made pottery, copper metallurgy, and the invention of wheel and the plough.

The following room of the museum traces the birth of the Arabic language and the development of Arabic script. The invention of writing rests with the Sumerians and then Egyptians. It developed from pictographic to syllabic and about 1000 B.C. into alphabetic forms. This gave rise to various scripts in Saudi Arabia used widely from 800 B.C. until the advent of Islam. A Libyante Stela from Dedan belonging to the mid-first Millennium B.C. and a small bronze Sabaeans inscription from the second century A.D. are a few of the many examples of the scripts that are displayed in this room of the museum.

As caravans of camels carried Frankincense and Myrrh to the flourishing markets of the Assyrians, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Persians and all the land under their domain, trade developed and towns sprang up along the trade routes. This is beautifully illustrated by several artifacts such as a pot of the Indus valley from Tarut, a Lapis lazuli figurine from Tarut which came from Badakshan probably by the way of Indus valley. At the center of the museum there is a multi-screened audio-visual display which traces the pre-Islamic history of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia — a period for every visitor to the museum.

The impact the overland trade routes had on different towns of the Arabian peninsula can be seen through various and beautiful art objects. A red sand stone statue from Dedan one of the earliest trade routes, is on display. Taima was also an important center. A picture of the Taima stone inscribed in Aramaic dates back to the mid-first Millennium B.C. The rock cut tombs of Madina Salih need no

introduction. Also on display are bronze inscription in Sabean and an outstanding bronze lion's head from Najran. There was also great influence from the Hellenistic era in the Eastern region. A Grecian flask from Tarut — a masterpiece of line, elegance and simplicity — and gold jewellery from the tomb excavated in 1952 at Jawan are also displayed in glass cases.

In the last and the largest room of the museum stand a selection of the monuments and relics from early Islam found in Saudi Arabia. These include a large Abbasid vessel with relief decoration from the Eastern Province; a flask from Tarut dating to the very beginning of the Islamic era and a dish from the 15 century A.D. from the Eastern region.

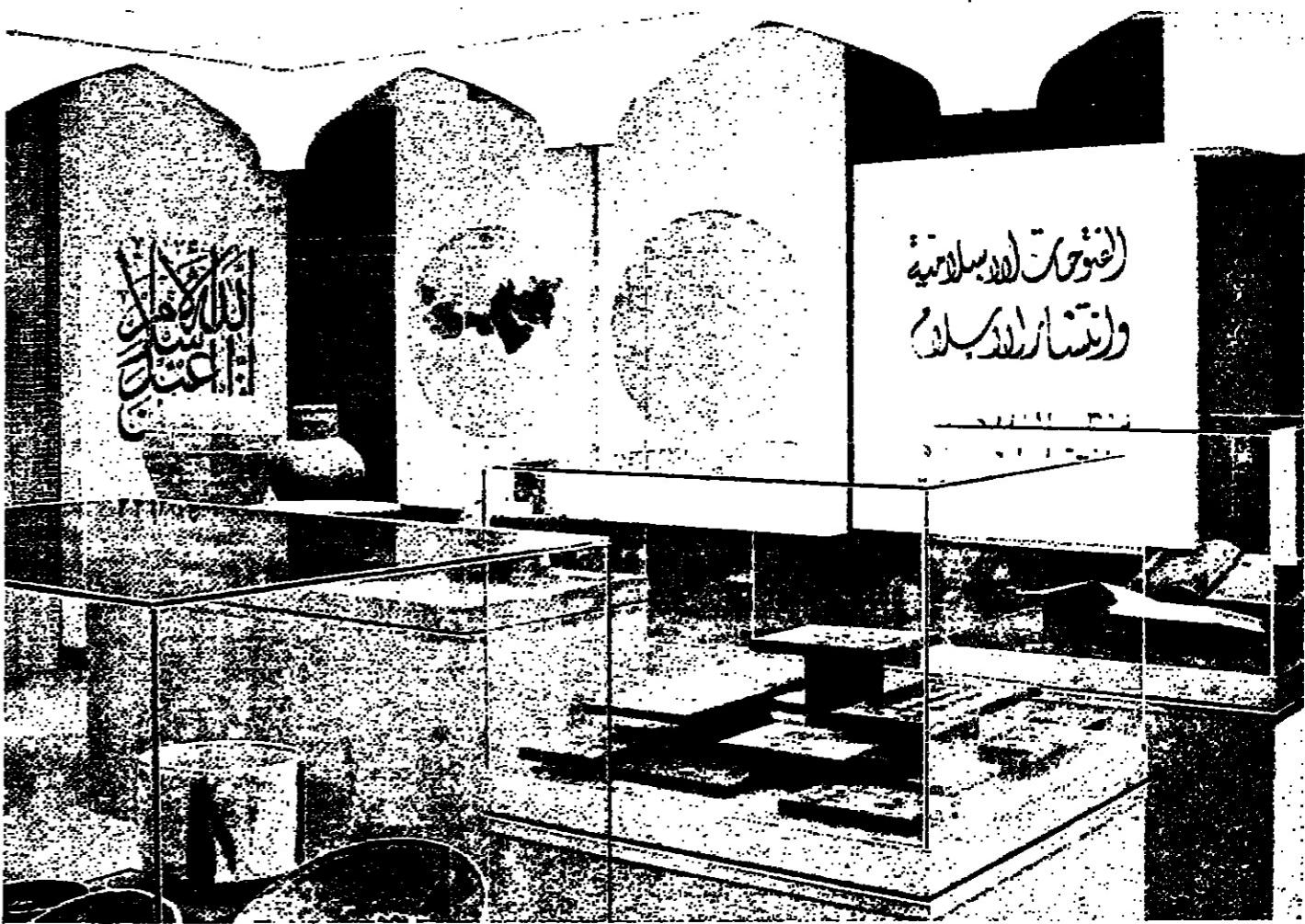
The remarkable coin collection is also beautifully displayed in the glass cases in the center of the room. These coins include: Ottoman gold dinars struck in Istanbul dating 1277 A.H. 1293 A.H. 1255 A.H. 1203 A.H. 1171 A.H. quarter dinars of early Islamic era dates to the 8th century A.D. Other Byzantine gold dinars and Turkish silver coins of Sulaiman Salimi 926-974 A.H. struck in Baghdad; Umayyad and Abbasid bronze fils and many more provide a treasure to remember.

A large photograph of the Mosque of Umar ibn Al Khattab built with an outstanding pulpit dates back to 622 A.D. On a raised platform to the left is kept a milestone from the near Makkah in Kufic script which reads "one mile from the mail station and 62 stations from Kufah".

A huge portrait of the Holy Kaabah adorns one wall of the room with an inscription that reads: "The first house of all mankind was that at Makkah — a blessed place and a guidance to the whole world. It is the shrine of Ibrahim, whoever enters it is safe."

The Museum of Archaeology and Ethnography in Riyadh is a well planned, beautifully illustrated museum that conserves exhibits of human achievements in a way that it throws light on every aspect of history. By all standards, it is a magnificent museum.

The museum is open all days except Fridays. Thursday morning and Monday evenings are for ladies only.



ARTIFACTS: An ancient copy of Holy Quran, gold dinars and silver coins of early Islamic era, and Indus Valley artifacts are seen in different glass cases.

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Stormy parliament session

Gandhi survives no-trust move

NEW DELHI, May 9 (Agencies) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government survived a no-confidence motion Saturday after a nine-hour parliamentary debate. The vote was 275 against and 90 in favor at the end of stormy session. The motion presented no real threat to the government, which has a two-third majority in the lower house of parliament, but Mrs. Gandhi's Con-

gress (I) Party came under heavy attack for what opposition leaders called the government's dismal performance.

George Fernandes, Lok Dal (people's party) member and former industries minister who tabled the motion, said the government had failed in every sphere, adding "the achievements have never been so dismal as in the last 16 months." The motion was debated in the absence of Mrs. Gandhi, who is on a tour of Switzerland and the Gulf.

Home Affairs Minister Zail Singh said the opposition move was an attempt to hit back after the house Thursday had declared void its 1978 resolution expelling and jailing Mrs. Gandhi, then an opposition leader, for committing breach of privilege.

Fernandes said that the law and order situation had broken down and that the economy was in a shambles. The government's biggest achievement during its 16-month rule, he charged, was "perpetuation of barbarity and cruelty," citing sectarian clashes as an example.

Other opposition speakers backed his charges and accused the government of want-

ing to impose a state of emergency similar to the 1975-77 authoritarian rule when thousands of Mrs. Gandhi's critics were imprisoned without trial during her previous administration.

Mrs. Gandhi's supporters denied the charges and defended the government's record. Singh accused the opposition of "irresponsible behavior." "Our commitment to democracy and its traditions is total and irrevocable," Singh said.

Opposition legislators hit back saying that ruling partymen were "maligning" them. "Lies, all lies," thundered one opposition member, gesturing angrily at the ministers.

Meanwhile, a Communist member alleged in the upper house of parliament Friday that army commanders based in northeastern India had met recently to discuss operational and tactical details of a plot to overthrow the Indira government. Citing a report in the New Delhi magazine *India Today*, the member, Kalyan Roy of the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India (CPI), expressed serious concern and demanded a statement and investigation by the government.

BRIEFS

TAIPEI, (AP) — Foreign visitors who deliberately or maliciously slander the government of the Republic of China will be expelled from the country, officials said Saturday. They said the decision was passed in a cabinet meeting Thursday.

EAST BERLIN, (R) — Two senior East German generals indicated in interviews published Friday that the armed forces were having difficulty recruiting professional soldiers and officers. The interviews followed a long series of newspaper articles over the past few months calling on young people to develop a more positive attitude toward army service.

KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa said here Saturday that his government had not made a formal proposal to join the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

PEKING, (AFP) — A crowd of 5,000 watched the execution of a convicted murderer here early Saturday, the Peking *Evening News* reported. The paper said Xu Jianwei, sentenced to death by a Peking intermediate court after being found guilty of killing one person and wounding another, was executed by firing squad in an open-air theater here immediately after the execution order was read out.



(AP Wirephoto)
SURVIVOR: John Thompson, 39, has survived a serious auto accident in which a seven-foot-long crowbar smashed through his brain. The bar was in the back of the automobile and flew like an arrow through his head. The resident of Boston's Hyde Park section is seen here recuperating at Boston City Hospital.

Zimbabwe guerrillas give up arms

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, May 9 (AP) — Thousands of guerrillas who previously refused to be disarmed began giving up their weapons to the Zimbabwe army in two remote camps Friday, it was reported Saturday. "There have been no bitches," Brigadier Mike Shute, army commander of Matabeleland province in Western Zimbabwe, said in an interview here with the Bulawayo *Chronicle*.

Some 10,000 guerrillas who fought a seven-year war to bring Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's black coalition government to power last year have remained in their camps with their arms, ignoring demands to disarm. All the other 26,000 guerrillas of two armies which fought in the war have been disarmed and most have been integrated into a new national army.

More than 6,000 guerrillas until Friday were holding out with their weapons at the Gwai River camp in western Zimbabwe and some 3,000 others at Sabi in southeastern Zimbabwe. The Gwai River guerrillas are loyal to Minister Without Portfolio Joshua Nkomo and the Sabi fighters to Mugabe.

Nkomo, head of the Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army drawn from the minority Matabele tribe, announced that the guerrillas had agreed to disarmament this week. Nkomo, who is junior partner in the year-old coalition government, visited his men Wednesday at the Gwai Camp where the guerrillas were armed with ground-to-air missiles, anti-aircraft batteries, heavy machine guns, light artillery and armored personnel carriers.

Deng backs Sihanouk

PEKING, May 9 (AFP) — China's paramount leader Deng Xiaoping, meeting former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk here Saturday expressed the hope an anti-Vietnamese united front would be set up soon before the convening of the proposed international conference on Cambodia.

Sihanouk made the disclosure in a statement released to the press after his talks with Communist Party Vice-Chairman Deng.

It was serving a four-year prison term. Lee was serving a four-year prison term.

Under the amnesty, five other dissidents who have served prison terms will have their civil rights reinstated, while 14 others, who have been paroled under an earlier amnesty, will have their unexpired terms expunged from the records.

In announcing the special measure, Information Minister Lee Kwang-Pyo said the amnesty was resolved by the cabinet to "further solidify the foundation for the nation's stability and prosperity in an atmosphere of national reconciliation. Those to be released also included two Catholic priests and one nun, and Park Sung-Chul, former marine major general who briefly served as chief of the security force for Kim Dae-Jung.

Anti-apartheid conference ends

LUSAKA, May 9 (R) — An anti-apartheid conference ended Friday with a series of recommendations to help workers in South Africa and neighboring states. The five-day meeting in the southern Zambian city of Livingstone was sponsored by the Geneva-based International Labor Organization (ILO).

It was attended by some 80 delegates from countries in the region, labor organizations, African nationalist movements, officials of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and members of the United Nations Special Committee on Apartheid. Observers from labor and employers' organizations were also present. The conference urged the ILO to set up a voluntary fund and boost its own budget to aid South African blacks against apartheid, the official Zambia News Agency said.

Another resolution urged that ILO assistance be broadened to nationalist movements in southern Africa recognized by the OAU.

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After warning West

Brezhnev proposes 'dialogue' for peace

MOSCOW, May 9 (R) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev warned the West Saturday that the Soviet Union would give a "quick and effective response" to any military challenge but added that Moscow was in favor of a "broad dialogue" to strengthen peace. In a speech to mark the 36th anniversary of the allied victory over Nazi Germany, the 74-year-old president referred to slander and threats which he said had been made against Soviet policy.

"But we do not give in to intimidation," Brezhnev said at the opening of a World War II memorial in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev. Brezhnev said the Soviet Union remained opposed to the East-West arms race.

"But if we are forced, we will find a quick and effective response to any challenge of belligerent imperialism, because it is our prime and most sacred duty to ensure the security of our country and our allies..." he said. Brezhnev accused "imperialist reaction" of cultivating fear, prejudice, lies and hatred but despite veiled criticism of the United States and its NATO allies his 20-minute speech did not mention the Western powers by name and was moderate in tone.

Brezhnev said some statesmen in the West were accustomed to thinking only in terms of "strength and diktat" but at the same time there were "a few sober-minded people" shaping Western policy who realized that

peaceful coexistence and mutually advantageous cooperation represented the only reasonable road.

He said the need had never been greater for "honest, bold efforts...in the name of international trust," and later added that the Soviet Union was in favor of "broad dialogue" to strengthen peace. "No matter where talks are conducted and no matter what problems they are devoted to we always have given and will give pride of place to the interests of peace and peaceful cooperation," he said.

Brezhnev's apparent reaffirmation that Moscow is open to approaches by the United States and its NATO allies for talks on arms curbs and other East-West issues came after a lengthy condemnation by the Kremlin of this week's top-level meeting in Rome of the North Atlantic alliance.

A clearly authoritative statement issued Friday night by the official Soviet news agency Tass accused NATO leaders of deliberately obstructing progress toward arms limitation talks and seeking to increase their military power. It said NATO had taken an hypocritical attitude toward arms control and that Washington was striving at all costs to station U.S. missiles in Europe.

NATO's main policy-making body, the NATO Council, reaffirmed an intention to site about 600 new U.S. rockets in Western Europe by 1983 if Washington and Moscow fail to reach agreement on their limitation.

Television coverage showed Brezhnev rather unsteady on his feet after the 720 kms train ride from Moscow. Ukrainian Communist Party chief and Politburo member Vladimir Shcherbitsky linked arms with Brezhnev to give him support as he reviewed troops. At one point, the Kremlin chief put on his broad-brimmed hat the wrong way round and was unaware of this for a moment until he was told by an aide.

Bush attacks Castro's 'most repressive government'

ATLANTA, Georgia, May 9 (AP) — Doctors who cured an 11-month-old Denver girl of pneumococcal meningitis discovered that she had a rare strain of bacteria resistant to three drugs used to treat the disease, the National Center for Disease Control said Friday.

The bacteria were resistant to penicillin, chloramphenicol and tetracycline. It was the first time a bacterium resistant to all three drugs was found in the United States, the center said.

The doctors found the bacteria were sensitive to the drug rifampin, and the girl recovered after treatment with that drug, the CDC said. There are about 5,000 cases of pneumococcal meningitis and up to 500,000 cases of pneumonia in the United States each year, said Dr. Walter Schlech of

the CDC's special pathogens branch.

Although the Denver case was the first involving multiple-resistant pneumococcal bacteria, "it has the potential of causing serious infections which resist commonly employed treatment for these diseases," Schlech said.

There are two theories about why the resistant strain has been found, he said. One theory says the strain becomes resistant in people who have a history of antibiotic use, with the bacteria evolving as a result of exposure to the antibiotic.

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He said, Friday that "whatever the faults" of the governments in Central and South America in the area of human rights, "the Castro Communist alternative would condemn the people of those regions to the most repressive form of government."

The vice president made his remarks in a speech at the honors day convocation of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

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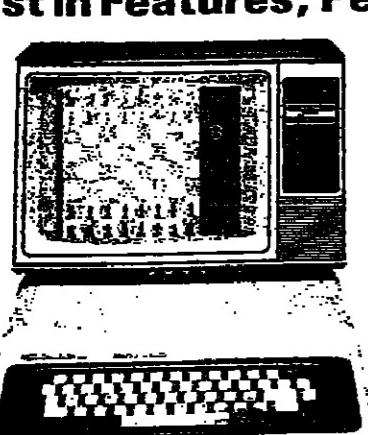
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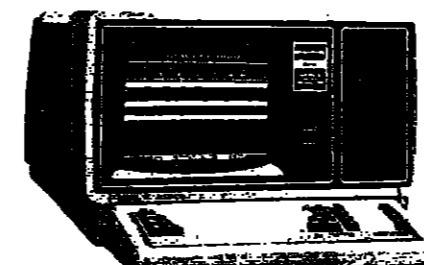
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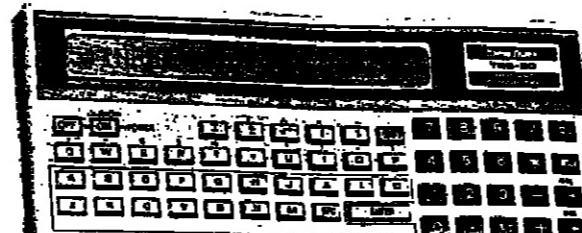
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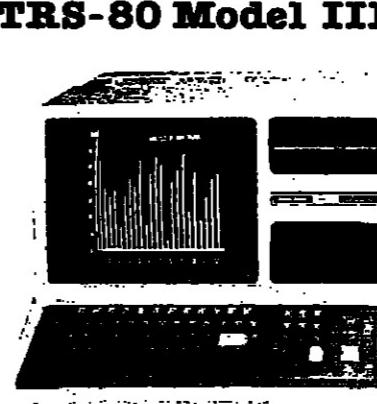


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In Guatemala

Rightists blast pipeline

GUATEMALA CITY, May 9 (AP) — Terrorists blew up Guatemala's main crude-oil pipeline and killed three persons, included two law professors, in the latest chapter of this central American country's political violence.

The dynamiting of the pipeline, 21 kms from the Rubelsanto oilfields, cut off a daily flow of 5,000 barrels of crude to the Caribbean port of Santo Tomas Castilla. The entire country's daily petroleum output is 6,500 barrels, virtually all of which is sold to the United States.

Last month, terrorist bombs put the same pipeline out of use for three days and damaged equipment at the Rubelsanto fields, in the central province of Alta Verapaz.

Police sources said the machine-gun attack that killed two San Carlos National University professors and a San Carlos administrative employee Thursday night appeared to be the work of rightist forces battling left-wing guerrillas in a struggle that human rights groups

estimate takes 200 lives per month.

A judge investigating the attack said gunmen fired at least 60 bullets into a car leaving the university in Guatemala City, killing Professors Carlos E. Tuch Orellana, Jorge Carlos Mancio Ortiz and a university staff employee identified as Oscar Bonilla de Leon.

New N-plants opposed

THE HAGUE, May 9 (AP) — Nearly 80 per cent of those surveyed in a new opinion poll on nuclear power oppose construction of new nuclear power plants in the Netherlands, the *Hansche Courant* reported Friday.

The telephone survey of 350 men and women showed 38 per cent favor closing the two existing nuclear plants in Dodewaard and Borsele, as well as a ban on new plants. Another 40 per cent said the two plants should remain open but no new nuclear power plants should be built, the evening daily said. Just 15 per cent said new nuclear plants should be built.



PEACE MARCH: Three young boys lead a Radical Party's march for disarmament in the world, in downtown Rome Tuesday. One of the posters reads: "Every 2 seconds over 53,200 children starve to death in the world."

First U.S. case

Bacteria resistant to 3 drugs noticed

ATLANTA, Georgia, May 9 (AP) — Doctors who cured an 11-month-old Denver girl of pneumococcal meningitis discovered that she had a rare strain of bacteria resistant to three drugs used to treat the disease, the National Center for Disease Control said Friday.

The bacteria were resistant to penicillin, chloramphenicol and tetracycline. It was the first time a bacterium resistant to all three drugs was found in the United States, the center said.

The doctors found the bacteria were sensitive to the drug rifampin, and the girl recovered after treatment with that drug, the CDC said. There are about 5,000 cases of pneumococcal meningitis and up to 500,000 cases of pneumonia in the United States each year, said Dr. Walter Schlech of

the CDC's special pathogens branch.

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Unemployment static

Wholesale prices up marginally in U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 9 (R) — Wholesale prices in the United States increased at a far slower rate in April than the month before, while the unemployment rate remained unchanged, the Labor Department has said.

Prices for goods at the wholesale level, which are passed on to the consumer in later months, rose 0.8 per cent in April compared with 1.3 per cent in March. The news gave a boost to Wall Street, which has been struggling to shake off the depressing effects of higher interest rates, and the Dow Jones industrial average advanced two points in active early trading.

Unemployment, which has been stagnating at a relatively high level for months, stood at 7.3 percent in April, the same as in the previous two months. The sharp reduction in wholesale prices, department economists said, was primarily because of a reduction in energy prices and a levelling off of food

prices.

Energy prices increased sharply earlier in the year because of price rises by oil producing countries and the removal domestic price controls on petroleum. The department said wholesale price of energy rose by 11.6 per cent in April compared with 6.1 per cent in March. Wholesale prices of petrol and home heating oil both rose at a far slower rate in April.

The United States has been using far less petrol in recent months due to steep price rise and wider use fuel-efficient cars. Unemployment has remained largely unchanged this year because the economy, despite an unexpectedly strong growth in the first quarter, has yet to really recover from last year's recession. The department said the unemployment rate for factory workers has declined by 2.4 per cent since July.

Textile talks to resume in July

GENEVA, May 9 (AP) — After a second round of general and preliminary statements on what to do about their trade treaty expiring this year, textile importing and exporting states have decided to start negotiations at the end of July.

The 50 members of the multibre arrangement, as the treaty is called, resolved after two days of talks to meet again for at least one week starting July 8 to consider "proposals regarding the extension, modification or discontinuance of the protocol extending" the 1973 MFA.

A conference official explained to reporters the "point of this is to get the discussions focused on something concrete." Preliminary statements mirrored known views of the industrial states who favor extending the treaty unchanged, while the developing textile countries would like to remove or at least change a key passage of the protocol.

Adopted in 1977 largely on pressure from the European Economic Community, the

'Group of 77' to hold talks in Venezuela

CARACAS, May 9 (AP) — Several hundred delegates from the Group of 77 developing nations will meet in Venezuela next week to discuss technology, energy and finance, the organization's president, Manuel Perez Guerrero, has said.

The Group of 77 — which now has 122 members — is designed to develop consensus among Third World countries, to present as a power bloc before industrialized nations. "Our points in common are much stronger than our differences," Perez Guerrero said of the members from Africa.

Interest rate surge hits stock marts

NEW YORK, May 9 (AP) — Interest rates have emerged again as the driving force in the stock market. The latest surge in rates helped send the Dow Jones industrial average into a 51-point tailspin in late April and the early days of May.

As the pressure let up toward the end of the past week — once the U.S. government had completed the process of borrowing \$6.75 billion in the credit markets — stock prices stabilized. For the week, the Dow Jones average of 30 blue chips posted a net loss of 19.19 to 97.64, on the heels of a 24.76-point drop the week before.

The New York stock exchange composite index fell .62 to 76.13, while the American stock exchange market value index managed a 5.94 gain to 362.18. Big board volume averaged 44.20 million shares a day, against 51.79 million the week before.

It is basic doctrine on Wall Street that the stock market tends to go up when interest

Wall Street

Prime-based Euroloans come in vogue

BEIRUT, May 9 (Special) — Lebanon's national carrier, Middle East Airlines, has introduced a program of special measures to enable it to survive the crisis in its home country, which has forced the closure of Beirut International Airport.

MEA chairman, Asad Naar, said in Beirut that introduction of the measures "does not imply any judgment regarding the possible duration of the crisis." But, he added, prompt action was necessary to reassure all concerned, including the airline's bankers, suppliers and clients, that MEA was ready to do whatever is necessary to ensure its survival.

"Let us demonstrate once again that MEA has the courage and the determination to face the challenges and emerge fully able to meet the needs of our long-suffering beloved country and totally worthy of a most distinguished future," Nasr added. As part of the survival program, MEA staff are being asked to contribute part of their salaries to a special fund aimed at ensuring MEA will stay in business. The same contingency was introduced at the time of the Lebanese civil war in 1975.

All employees are being requested to remain at home during the present crisis. As long as this order stands, they will contribute 50 per cent of their total monthly salaries to the airline, subject to a minimum take-home figure. Meanwhile, MEA is concentrating on securing leasing and charter agreements for its fleet, most of which has now left Beirut and is waiting at outstations.

Nasr said MEA's policy remains unchanged and was directed first and foremost at the survival of the whole airline family and the protection of the livelihood of every member of it for as long as possible.

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mon stocks, and this may be the reason why the stock market has been bumping against an invisible ceiling in recent weeks."

The yardstick most analysts use to measure stocks' and bonds' competitive standing is the difference between their prevailing yields. This "yield spread" has recently been at record levels of 7 to 10 percentage points, depending on which indexes you choose to calculate it.

To narrow that spread, logic suggests, the bond market must improve, the stock market decline, or a combination of both occur.

Lately, there has been no help in that direction from the battered bond market, with most bond prices at or near record lows. "Bearish market psychology is rampant among bond traders," said Richard B. Hoey, an analyst at Bache Halsey Stuart Shmid Inc.

Recent signs that the inflation outlook is improving might be expected to work in the bond market's favor, he noted. But there is also the scary awareness of a long line of potential issuers of new bonds, presumably waiting for the slightest upturn in the market to flood it with new supplies to absorb. It all adds up, in Hoey's words, to a "precarious balance."

Meanwhile, economists are expressing growing concern about the prospective impact of the latest surge in interest rates on the economy. "Its growth prospects will be severely hurt," said Allen Sinai at Data Resources Incorporated.

"Already the length of the latest episode on interest rates is threatening the viability of thrift institutions and endangering housing. Risks of a serious crunch and deep recession are being heightened."

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Lenders amenable

NEW YORK, May 9 — New to Eurocurrency market financing is the syndicated loan that is priced at a spread over U.S. bank prime, rather than over the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), says the bulletin of *International Finance*. Borrowers must pay a spread over U.S. bank prime that is adjusted daily or weekly, rather than every three or six months, as it would be in a three or six-month LIBOR-keyed loan. To protect borrowers and lenders from major deviations between the prime rate and market rates—since the prime is bank-administered rather than market-determined—there may be a negotiated "cap" and/or floor on the maximum allowable spread above or below 90-day certificate-of-deposit (CD) rates, adjusted for reserve requirements, says the bulletin.

The incentives are perhaps strongest for U.S. regional-bank lenders, which are not active participants in either the foreign-exchange or London interbank markets. These banks cannot always fund in the London interbank market on the same fine terms as the larger Eurobanks, but they do have access to competitive funding in the U.S. domestic market. Indeed, prime-based loans are ideally suited for these banks since they are already accustomed to pricing loans on a prime-rate basis, the bulletin says.

Borrowers assume some added risks with prime-based, as opposed to LIBOR-based, credits, but these are offset by the opportunity to tap U.S. regional banks as an incremental funding source. Essentially, the borrow-

ers' risks are concentrated in the predictability of the prime-LIBOR relationship. If the loan has a cap option, such that the loan rate can diverge only so much from U.S. CD rates, this risk is substantially reduced. In general, the major risk associated with prime-based Euroloans is that additional reserve requirement regulations may be imposed on domestic U.S. banking versus Eurobanking—which would result in prime-based loans being more costly than those tied to LIBOR. The Monetary Control Act of 1980 set a trend toward reducing reserve requirements on U.S. banking, but the trend was upset with the temporary imposition of marginal-reserve requirements on bank-managed liabilities in the spring of 1980.

There is, however, at least the possibility of costly regulations being imposed on Euromarket activity also. In either case, syndicated loan agreements specify that the borrower bears the risk. Finally, an intangible, but perhaps equally important, advantage of prime-based loans for certain borrowers is the symbolic or psychological value of lower spreads, says *International Finance*.

Quarterly Euromarket report

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Gross Size (Claims)	675.0	745.0	775.0	785.0	535.0	665.0	785.0
Net Size (Claims)	675.0	745.0	775.0	785.0			

Budget program**Tycoons back Reagan to the hilt**

HOT SPRINGS, Virginia, May 9 (USICA)—A group of executives of large U.S. business corporations gave President Ronald Reagan unqualified support for his economic program.

At the same time, the business leaders, meeting with reporters during the semi-annual business council conference May 7-9, provided a somewhat less optimistic economic expansion, the Reagan administration warned that there is "little moderation in interest rates in prospect" over the next several years.

Walters Wriston, chairman of Citicorp and chairman of the Business Council—a group of business executives who meet twice a year to review the state of the U.S. economy and are briefed by high-level government officials—said that the business community is "very strong" behind the president's proposal for a three year, 30 per cent cut in individual tax rates.

"This is extraordinary," Wriston said, adding that in all his years in business he has never seen such complete, "unqualified" support for a presidential economic program.

And other executives meeting with reporters May 7 said they could offer no changes to

the president's plan, but hoped that a cut in corporate tax rates would be a major component of Reagan's second tax package that the administration has promised to present to Congress later in the year. Strongest statements by the executives came in support of the individual tax cuts.

It's important to have an individual tax cut at this time," Wriston said. "It will help the mood of the country and it will help investment."

The business leaders noted that the support for the president's program is particularly important at this time because if the growing concern both in Congress and in the financial community that a tax cut of the size proposed by Reagan might expand the budget deficit and be inflationary. "If we are going to get increased investment and enhanced productivity, which we obviously need, we've got to have a tax cut and delay balancing the budget to get the economy moving," said Reginald Jones, chairman of the General Electric Company.

The executives lauded the approval by a large majority of the Reagan budget in the House of Representatives May 7. They said this "is the biggest indication that the pres-

ident's full program will go through on a much faster schedule" than earlier assumed.

While there was no departure from support of the president's program, there was not complete agreement with the administration on the outlook for the U.S. economy. "Long-term interest rates are not going to break below their current level—between 14 and 16 per cent—through 1988," Charles Brown, chairman of American Telephone and Telegraph Company and vice chairman of the Business Council, told reporters.

Asked if the high interest rates would discourage business investment that might result from the president's business tax cut, Brown said: "Discourage it surely, but not neutralize it."

Brown summarized the latest economic forecast prepared for the council. The forecast represents a consensus among economists from 20 major corporations. Brown said the good news is that inflation will come down. "The group of economists was unanimous in expecting the inflation rate to decline in 1981 and 1982," Brown said.

The council forecast a drop in inflation, as measured by the consumer from the fourth quarter of 1979 to the fourth quarter of 1980 to 10.8 per cent this year and nine per cent in 1982.

Following little or no growth during the current quarter, the economists forecast that the real gross national product, sparked partly by the expected tax cuts, will rise at nearly a three per cent annual rate of growth in the third quarter and a four per cent rate of growth in the fourth quarter. They expect a 3.5-to-four per cent growth rate in 1982.

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Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	15.60
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Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.23
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Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	69.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.10
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Poland Sterling	7.11	7.19
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Singapore Dollar (100)	—	90.45
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Kuwait lends Bangladesh \$30 million

KUWAIT, May 9 (AP) — The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) Saturday loaned Bangladesh and the Cameroons a total of \$33 million to help finance development projects, the fund reported.

Bangladesh got \$30.2 million to finance an electrification project. The loan, carrying a 1.5 per cent interest rate, was to be repaid over 32 years, with a seven-year grace period.

Cameroon's loan was \$2.8 million to be used in financing highway projects. It carries a four per cent interest rate, to be paid over 20 years after a five-year period of grace, KFAED added.

Meanwhile, the OPEC International Development Fund has granted a \$1.5 million loan to the Solomon Islands in the Pacific for a dam project on the Lungga River.

Officials at the headquarters of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said it was the second OPEC loan to the islands. The first was to help with balance of payments problems.

Australian farm sector faces \$29 billion loss

CANBERRA, May 9 (AFP) — The Australian economy is now at the mercy of nature, as drought caused by low rainfall over the last three years threatens to cost the vital agricultural sector an estimated Australian \$23 billion (about U.S. \$29 billion).

Farmers waited desperately, but in vain for rain this week as a good downpour would have come just in time to avoid plunging the country into a major drought crisis.

All the farming and grazing associations in all six Australian states have warned that the country is now in the grip of a long-term natural disaster. The National Farmers Federation, representing 23 farming organizations, has forecast loss of Australian \$23 billion and 25 billion (up to about U.S. \$31 billion) in the current financial year.

None of the grain growing areas has had so much as average rainfall.

Financial Roundup Dollar deposit rates ease

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 9 (AP) — The dollar fell slightly after the release of the latest U.S. money supply figures Friday. These showed a decrease of \$3.6 billion in M1B—the more broadly defined cash and checking accounts, both interest and non-interest bearing. This is in sharp contrast to the previous Friday's figures which showed a large increase in M1B of \$4.8 billion. Secondly, in less than two days, U.S. Secretary of Treasury Regan made another pronouncement on the fortunes of the dollar interest rates. Unlike his previous statement, this time he did not feel confident that U.S. interest rates would continue to rise. The effect of this statement as well as the release of the money supply figures resulted in easing of dollar interest rates. One-month Eurodollar deposit rates fell to 16 1/2 per cent at one stage before rallying to 19 1/4 — 19 1/8 per cent. Similarly, on the New York exchanges, the dollar fell against most major currencies.

Locally, dealers reported a quiet market with some activity taking place on the riyal deposit side, especially in the short dates. Traditionally dealing in the "shorts" indicates market nervousness about coming trends with commercial banks not wanting to be caught on the wrong side in either an upswing or downswing in rates. Riyal one-month JIBOR rate remained unchanged at 15 1/2 — 16 per cent from 4 per cent. The French franc continued to trade nervously just before Sunday's French presidential elections and was quoted in New York at 5.3450, but traders were quoting wide bid—offer rates. Sterling, which had been easing in the middle of the week to 2.0930 levels closed in New York at 2.1225 when no cuts in the British MLR (minimum lending rate) was announced over the weekend. London dealers, however, point out that sterling will continue to be volatile for some time to come.

BRIEFS

CANBERRA, (AFP) — Plans for an Australia-New Zealand free trade zone will move a stage further this weekend when Trade Minister Doug Anthony visits New Zealand. He will be discussing easier access to New Zealand for Australian goods, now that Australia is considering phasing-out tariffs over a five-year period.

BERN (AP) — The wholesale price index in Switzerland rose by 0.3 per cent in April, and the increase over the last 11 months was 4.9 per cent, official figures have indicated.

LUANDA, (AFP) — Angola's Oil Minister Jorge Morais has proposed the creation of

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In tragedy-marred Nelson Classic

Watson defies bad weather to forge ahead

DALLAS, Texas, May 9 (AP) — It was a day of golfing turbulence and bizarre tragedy, gusty winds and sporadic rainfall. But at the Byron Nelson Golf Classic, there is one constant: Tom Watson.

Golfdom's freckle-faced godfather conquered the elements and a fast field Friday and took a one-shot lead into the third round of the \$300,000 weather-plagued Nelson Classic.

Bidding for an unprecedented fourth straight victory here, Watson matched Pre-

ston trail's par 70 Friday and his two-day total of 136 put him a stroke ahead of erratic Ray Floyd.

Floyd, once commanding a two-shot lead at six-under par, collected two wind-bitten double bogeys on the home stretch for a 69 and second place in the chase for the \$94,000 first prize.

"I'm tickled to death," Floyd said of his sub-par round, admitting that it would take "a lot of adjectives" to explain how he tumbled from six-under par to two-under in six

chaotic holes.

All things considered, he grumbled, "getting in one-under was a hell of a round today." Floyd dropped a 35-foot birdie putt on the 18th green and, with a sigh, said: "That was a nice way to finish an up-and-down round."

Almost overshadowing the Watson-Floyd duel was a freak early morning accident in which a huge, storm-weakened oak tree limb plunged perhaps 50 feet into a crowd of spectators at the third green. One man died and

several other people were injured, including three who required hospital treatment.

The accident occurred as Gene Little, Charles Coody and Pete Brown approached the green, and the tragedy left golfers, club officials and spectators visibly rattled.

"I think all three of us, given opportunity, would have just walked back to the clubhouse," Coody said. After a brief, unofficial delay play resumed.

Watson, who learned of the mishap after 11 holes, said it was "like being struck by lightning. It kind of rips your guts out. There's no rhyme nor reason for it."

It was the first fatal accident during a PGA tournament since the mid-1960s, when lightning killed a spectator at the Buick Open in Detroit.

Friday was a traumatic day also for rookie Tim Norris, whose opening 66 earned him a share of the first-round lead with Watson. He three-putted four times and bogeyed the three closing holes for a 73. At that, he was alone in fourth place, one of only four players under par at the midway point and one stroke behind Buddy Alpin, with back-to-back 69s. "I'm still not out of it," vowed Norris, 24, a non-winner. "I still think I can win here."

Meanwhile, two-time U.S. Open champion Hollis Stacy rolled in a pair of 40-foot birdie putts during a five-under-par 67 round Friday that gave her a two-shot lead in the opening round of the \$125,000 Lady Michelob Golf Tournament.

Stacy, who had been experiencing trouble with her putter in recent months, held the lead over Amy Alcott, who had a 69 on the 6,123-yard par 72 Brookfield West Golf and Country Club Course.

ever, Jeddah, down 11, surged and Aramco faltered. Still, the game was close until King Abdulaziz University standout Ahmed Fallatah returned to the contest with his magic touch.

Fallatah immediately threw four jumpers down the hole in the face of a clinging Aramco defense, and that was all it took to nail down Jeddah's claim for the cup in the second annual tournament. Last year, the Eastern Province team topped the tourney field.

"We tried one thing, and then we tried another," said Augie Alfante, Jeddah guard who handled coaching duties from the bench. "And Ahmed clicked. Of course, you got to hand it to Zaid, too, playing the whole game underneath."

No doubt Zaid was the key to Jeddah's success. The 6-foot-9 former Houston Rocket banged several shots off the glass to keep Jeddah in the ball game when things looked grim in the first half. And in the next period,

Next was the University of Petroleum and Minerals, which with the Dharan Marriott Hotel, hosted the event. Jubail finished seventh and Marriott's entry, eighth.



GETTING SET: Dr. Frank Guarino, conducts pre-fight physical examination to heavyweight boxer Gerry Cooney at New York's Madison Square Garden Tuesday. Cooney, ranked No. 1 by the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council, is scheduled to fight Ken Norton in a 10-round bout May 11.

I'll settle for just being champion, Cooney says

NEW YORK, May 9 (AP) — "I never claimed to be great, never will," says Gerry Cooney, who will settle for just being champion.

The 24-year-old Long Island Irishman takes what should be a last step toward a heavyweight title bid Monday night when he fights Ken Norton, a man who knows the ropes of bigtime boxing, in a scheduled 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden.

And it will be a million-dollar step or stumble for Cooney, who is unbeaten and ranked No. 1 by both the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association, but who is still questioned in the areas of the quality of his competition, his ability to take a punch and his stamina.

The 35-year-old Norton is getting \$850,000 to find the answers. If Cooney answers the questions negatively, Norton would be right back in the title picture, he occupied for most of the 1970s.

"Right now I'm feeling good because I enjoy fighting again," said Norton, who twice has fought for and failed to win the universal title and who gained WBC title recognition when Leon Spinks was stripped for failing to defend against Norton.

"My goal is to do the best I can every time I fight," said Norton, who lost the title in his

first defense on a split decision to Larry Holmes June 9, 1978. He then retired after being knocked out in one round by Earnie Shavers and fighting a 10-round draw with Scott LeDoux in 1979. He launched a comeback last Nov. 7 with a split decision win over previously unbeaten Randy Cobb.

"I'm just a fighter like anybody else," said Cooney, who tires of being called a "White Hope." He also is weary of being referred to as a one-armed fighter who throws only left hooks. That hook sent sparring partner Walter Santmore to the hospital Friday with a split tip.

If Cooney, of Huntington, New York, boosts his record to 25-0 — he has 20 knockouts going into Monday's fight — his 26th fight will be against Mike Weaver, the WBA champion, or WBC champion Larry Holmes. Cooney's co-managers — Mike Jones and Dennis Rappoport — and Don Manuel, Weaver's manager, are confident it will be Weaver-Cooney. But it could be blocked by a court battle involving promoter Bob Arum, who claims to have ties to Weaver and who is insisting on a Weaver-James Tills fight.

Norton, who lives in Los Angeles, takes a 43-6-1 record, with 33 knockouts, into what will either be a last hurrah or another chance at the title.

In European Boxing

Bulgarian outpoints Sabyrov

TAMPERE, Finland, May 9 (R) — Ismail Mustafov of Bulgaria caused a major upset by eliminating Olympic gold medalist Shamil Sabyrov of the Soviet Union in their lightweight semifinal bout at the European Amateur Boxing Championships Friday night.

Earlier this week, Sabyrov was voted Europe's best amateur boxer of 1980 in an International Association of Sports Journalists (AIPS) poll here. He won the European title in Cologne two years ago.

The judges gave a 5-0 decision to Mustafov. He must now be rated favorite for Sunday's light-flyweight final, which he will contest with East Germany's Dietmar Geilech. Geilech won a clear 5-0 decision over Ireland's Gerald Hawkins in their semifinal bout.

Bulgaria's Petar Lessov, tipped for the featherweight title, coasted to a 5-0 decision against Poland's Bogdan Macziga Lessov will

contest the final with Romania's Constantine Titou, who clearly outpointed Finland's promising young Jarmo Eskelinen.

The featherweight title will be disputed by Poland's Krzysztof Kosedowski and East Germany's Richard Nowakowski. Moscow bronze medallists in the 57-kg division. Nowakowski deserved his split 3-2 decision over Serik Nurkasov of the Soviet Union, though it found little favor with the public, who were impressed by Nurkasov's admirable but desperate attempt in the third round to make up for lost ground.

Fans will look forward to the light-welterweight final between the Soviet Union's Aleksander Koskin and Yugoslavia's Nirko Puzovic.

But in the final Shyshev, who must be tipped to win, will have to cope with the solid punching of Puzovic, who punched his way to a 3-2 decision over East Germany's rugged Dietmar Schwarz.

At Worcester: Sussex 252-8 decd. and 163-2 decd. (Gennan Mendis 79 n.o.). Worcestershire 158 for no wicket; and 145-4. Match drawn. At Lords: Middlesex 153 and 116-5. Essex 250-8 decd. Match drawn. At Edgbaston: Yorkshire 396 and 112-1 (Geoff Boycott 51 n.o.) Warwickshire 260 (Chris Lethbridge 69). Match drawn. At Cardiff: Glamorgan vs. Gloucestershire. No play — rain.

At Canterbury: Nottinghamshire 293-7 decd. and 198-6 (Clive Rice 84). Kent 250-8 decd. and 192-9. Match drawn.

Allan Lamb hits unbeaten ton

LONDON, May 9 (AP) — South African batsman Allan Lamb hit an unbeaten 133 for Northamptonshire Friday, but the County Championship cricket match against Lancashire at Northampton still ended in a draw all seven of the opening matches of the season ended in draws.

Barry Wood of Derbyshire hit 123 not out against Leicestershire at Leicester but that match also fizzled out.

Nineteen-year-old Chris Lethbridge hit 69 on his senior debut for Warwickshire in the drawn match against Yorkshire. The good intentions of two new county captains came to nothing in Worcester.

Worcestershire's New Zealander Glenn Turner and Sussex's John Barclay both made sporting declarations to open up the match, but Worcestershire failed to reach Barclay's target of 258 in 222 minutes.

Summarised scores: At Leicester: Leices-

Irish rugby team leaves in groups

DUBLIN, May 9 (R) — Ireland's Rugby team left quietly for London in small groups Friday on their way to a controversial South African tour.

The 26 players were to have flown to London Saturday, but the Irish airline Aer Lingus said the block booking had been canceled. Dublin Airport staff had said they would not cooperate with the booking.

The players are scheduled to fly to South Africa Saturday night. The acceptance by the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) of South Africa's invitation drew criticism from all Irish political parties.

The union executive rejected an appeal from Prime Minister Charles Haughey to call off the tour. He warned that it could damage

Ireland's political and economic interests. The government told the team it should not call itself Irish or use emblems suggesting it represented Ireland.

But the instruction has no legal force, and sources close to the team said players would wear the colors normally worn in international matches. Twelve players turned down invitations to go to South Africa, four of them saying this was because they opposed apartheid (racial segregation).

But three resigned from their jobs in order to play in South Africa after their employers refused to let them take annual holidays or special leave during the tour. It will be the first visit to South Africa by an Irish team since 1962.

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Gift goal earns Tottenham another meeting with City

WEMBLEY, England, May 9 (AP) — Manchester City and Tottenham drew 1-1 after extra-time in a dramatic 100th F.A. Cup final at Wembley Stadium Saturday afternoon. The 120 minutes of energy-sapping action failed to separate the two teams who now must reply at Wembley Thursday night.

Manchester City's veteran winger Tommy Hutchison — at 33 the oldest player on the field — was involved in both goals.

Hutchison put City ahead with a 30th-minute header but then deflected a shot from Glenn Hoddle into his own net with just minutes of regulation time remaining.

Hoddle's goal forced the game into overtime but both sides were too tired to carve out

a decisive goal. The match was watched by 100,000 spectators and an estimated 300 million television viewers.

Both managers had promised a match to remember but while it was tense and tight, this historic 100th final was far from a classic. Manchester City's hard running and quick tackling jolted the more cultured Tottenham out of its stride in the first half and Argentine World Cup stars Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa were never able to exert an influence.

City forced three corners in the first four minutes but it was not until the ninth minute that Tottenham managed to create a chance — Hoddle firing straight at goalkeeper Joe Corrigan.

Corrigan was again in action in the 25th minute when he just deflected a well-directed drive from Tony Galvin, who had galloped into the penalty area completely unmarked.

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A dull draw

GLASGOW, Scotland, May 9 (AP) — Glasgow Rangers and Dundee United played a scoreless draw despite overtime in the final of the Scottish F.A. Cup before 50,000 fans at Hampden Park Stadium.

The game was dull and boring with both teams playing defensive football that produced no goals.

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Fullback Ray Ranson created the opening goal for Hutchison. His cross from the right wing was inch-perfect and Hutchison glanced the ball past Tottenham goalkeeper Milija Alekovic from eight meters out.

The effort put in by Gerry Gow and Paul Power continued to baffle Tottenham in midfield and even though the London club started more purposefully after the interval, they still lacked any real rhythm.

In the 56th minute, Tottenham's black striker Garth Crooks fired a curling shot inches wide but three minutes later Steve Mackenzie could have sewn up the match for

City when his shot bobbed onto the post and went wide.

Midway through the second half Tottenham sent on teenager Garry Brooke for the ineffective Villa. The arrival of Brooke seemed to lift Tottenham's spirits and with 10 minutes remaining the London club grabbed an equalizer.

A marvelous shot by Ardiles has halted by a crude challenge from Gow. From the resultant free kick, five meters outside the penalty, Ardiles tapped the ball to Steve Perryman who teed up a shot for Hoddle who banged the ball into the net from 25 meters out. The ball deflected off Hutchison on its way past Corrigan.

Tottenham now held the initiative but was unable to take advantage. City clawed its way back during the 30 minutes of extra-time but the 22 players were too tired to produce the one incisive move to decide the match. During the last 20 minutes players dropped like flies suffering from cramp.

Teams: Tottenham: Milija Alekovic; Cloris Heighton, Paul Miller, Graham Roberts, Steve Perryman; Ricardo Villa, Osvaldo Ardiles, Glenn Hoddle, Steve Archibald, Garth Crooks, Tony Galvin. Sub: Garry Brooke.

MANCHESTER CITY: Joe Corrigan; Ray Ranson, Nicky Reid, Tommy Caton, Bobby MacDonald; Paul Power, Gerry Gow, Steve MacKenzie; Dave Bennett, Kevin Reeves, Tommy Hutchison. Sub: Tony Henry.

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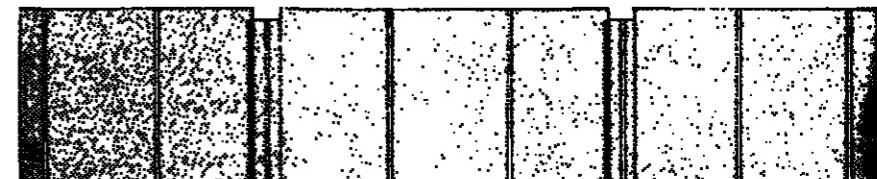
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Following youths' arrest

Crowd burns down Polish police station

WARSAW, May 9 (AFP) — A suburban police station was burned here Friday night as a crowd of 1,000 sang the national anthem outside. A mob had threatened to burn the station Thursday after two arrested young men could be heard shouting that they were being tortured.

Officials of the independent trade union confederation Solidarity and of the dissident Social Self-Defense Committee (KOR) persuaded the crowd to go home Friday night and appealed for calm. It was the first time the official news media has mentioned that KOR members as playing a pacifying role. Until now, they had been accused of stirring up anti-Communist feeling.

The incident at the police station began Thursday afternoon, when two young men clashed with a militia officer. People stood up for the youths and mobbed around the local police headquarters, threatening police and spilling gasoline over the sidewalk.

Solidarity immediately sent a team to the scene to dialogue with the demonstrators. Solidarity officials and prominent Polish dissident Adam Michnik persuaded the crowd to go home at 3 a.m., after the two men were released.

But Friday, the Otwock police station was set on fire and burned to the ground. The official Polish news agency PAP said the station was set afire twice — at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Firemen put out the first blaze, but a crowd of 1,000 prevented them from extinguishing the second fire.

The crowd, mostly youths, sang the national anthem as the building burned and

then battered the blackened walls with pick-axes and clubs. After the blaze, another leading dissident, Jacek Kuron, joined Solidarity envoys in urging the crowd to go home.

Those incidents, which could have gone practically unnoticed, were major news due to the successful intervention of the two dissidents. Both Michnik and Kuron are members of KOR, a group often accused of stirring up anti-Communist feeling. But in a long report on the incidents at Otwock Friday, Polish television lauded the two for their patriotism in preventing further rioting.

The happy resolution of Friday's drama indicates that Solidarity and the dissidents may have a powerful moderating role to play in future social explosions in Poland, observers said.

Meanwhile, Labor leader Lech Walesa left Poland for Japan Saturday despite the burning of the police station and other recent incidents by Poles dissatisfied with the current social situation.

Talks with officials

Kuwait greets Mrs. Gandhi

KUWAIT, May 9 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi arrived Saturday from Switzerland on the first leg of a Gulf tour designed to boost India's economic and political cooperation with Arab states. Official sources said the visit to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates also will be highlighted with discussions of ways of keeping the Gulf and the Indian Ocean safe from the hazards of superpower rivalries.

It was Mrs. Gandhi's first visit ever to Kuwait. Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah led a long line of cabinet ministers, ranking civil servants and diplomats to greet Mrs. Gandhi at the Kuwait airport.

She was to commence her talks with Kuwaiti officials later in the day. The talks, official sources said, will explore joint plans to keep the Gulf region and the Indian Ocean neutral. In this connection, the Indian and Kuwaiti sides were to examine the merits of Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's recent call for keeping the Gulf neutral.

Mrs. Gandhi and Saad also were to discuss the latest developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iraq-Iran war, the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and relations between India and Pakistan, officials said. The officials said Mrs. Gandhi was expected to press for more shipments of crude oil from Kuwait, to offset the loss of oil from Iraq and Iran. She also was to ask the Kuwaitis to invest their petrodollars in Indian development projects.

Kuwait last year exported about five million barrels of crude oil and other unspecified quantities of oil derivatives to India. Kuwait imports from India amounted to \$225 million last year, while India's imports of crude oil were valued at \$139 million, showing a balance of trade in India's favor.

Mrs. Gandhi

Indian construction companies also are active here, currently managing three projects involving \$400 million. The Indian community of workers here was estimated at 110,000, the third largest after the Palestinian and Egyptian expatriate communities.

But the Indians have been complaining about their large bills, prompting Mrs. Gandhi to complain to a Kuwaiti newspaper last week urging the "OPEC countries should find some way of helping countries like us."

She said that Third World countries were bearing the brunt of oil price increases.

The Kuwaiti newspaper greeted Mrs. Gandhi's arrival, lauding India as a supporter of the Arab cause against Israel. "Mrs. Gandhi is worthy of respect and admiration... because of her continued support to the Arab cause, particularly the Palestinian case," the daily *Al-Watan* editorialized.

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Nonaligned awaits word

Peace trip to Iran delayed

NEW DELHI, May 9 (Agencies) — Lack of official word from Iran has delayed the departure of a nonaligned peace mission, scheduled to depart for the Iranian capital of Tehran Saturday, Indian External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao said. Rao told reporters here that the four-man mediation group still was trying to contact Tehran about the exact date and time of their visit.

Saturday's development was similar to what happened last month when the four leaders waited here nearly a week for a welcoming message from Iranian leaders. On that occasion, they finally flew to both warring nations and visited battlefronts to survey conflicting charges and claims.

The members of the committee are Rao, Zambian Foreign Minister L.K.H. Goma, Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca

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Premier's call eases tension in Spain

MADRID, May 9 (Agencies) — At the end of one of democratic Spain's bloodiest weeks, tension in political circles and on the street appeared to diminish Saturday in response to Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo's stern warning against further terrorism and in defense of constitutional government.

But an extreme leftist group, meanwhile, claimed responsibility for the killing of a Spanish general this week and vowed to continue "its armed struggle" unless its demands were met. In a statement to several Madrid newspapers, the October First Anti-fascist Resistance Groups (GRAPO) demanded the dissolution of Parliament, the calling of "free" elections, the drafting of a new constitution, the dismantling of U.S. military bases in the country and that Spain stay out of the Atlantic alliance.

GRAPO claimed responsibility for the gunning down of Gen. Andres Gonzalez de Sosa and a policeman in Madrid Monday, and the almost simultaneous killing of two paramilitary civil guards in Barcelona. In all, seven persons were killed this week in three separate terrorist attacks against the army and security personnel.

Calvo Sotelo, in a television address Friday night, promised the rapid elimination of terrorism and pledged that his government would severely apply all necessary laws to curb the armed groups.

He also promised to set up a special court to deal with presumed terrorists. It was the only specific new tactic that he outlined.

Before the speech, Calvo Sotelo met with King Juan Carlos, who is head of the armed forces, and leader of the opposition Spanish Socialist Workers Party, Felipe Gonzalez.

Meanwhile, the Socialist Party called for reinforcing of police efficiency and the country's executive power to fight both left-and-right-wing terrorism.

The military wing of the Basque separatist ETA terrorist group claimed responsibility for the bomb attack Thursday that wounded the king's chief military aide, Gen. Joaquin de Balenzuela, and killed three soldiers. The attacks came less than three months after a failed right-wing military coup.

Meanwhile, the televised speech by Calvo Sotelo met mixed press and political reaction. The right-wing *El Alcazar* daily, popular among the military, announced Saturday in its front page: "Calvo Sotelo Brought No Solutions."

The Madrid daily *Diario 16* praised the Prime Minister's broadcast, saying that his words had reaffirmed the nation's collective democratic values. "This is what governing is about," the newspaper said.

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